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LABOUR DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RECALL OF PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS CRISIS

Europe Fears New Coups

WASHINGTON, APR. 8.
MILITARY OFFICIALS HERE BELIEVE THAT GERMANY WILL INVADE DANZIG AND THE POLISH CORRIDOR BEFORE APRIL 15 WHEN EUROPE WILL BE FACED WITH IMMINENT WAR.

Officials believe that Germany's march to Danzig and the Corridor is a matter of "when" rather than "if."

These officials also believe that Germany will simultaneously attempt to occupy part or all of Silesia, in view of the likelihood that Poland will resist encroachment on Danzig and the Corridor.

ALBANIA A PRELUDE

Diplomatic, military and naval officials regard the Italian invasion of Albania as a prelude to a larger military operation by the Totalitarian States. Albania appears to be a diversion, possibly intended to frighten Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania from joining the "Stop Hitler Bloc."—United Press.

Portuguese Steamers Detained

THE JAPANESE Navy has detained eleven Portuguese coastal steamers during the past week or so, it is authoritatively revealed.

The "United Press" in Hongkong was informed on Saturday that three Don Line steamers, the Don Pedro, Don Jono and Don Luis had been detained off the North China coast.

All the ships are registered in Shanghai where, it is understood, the matter is being referred to the Portuguese Consul.

Further investigations revealed that a total of eleven Portuguese ships have been detained by the Japanese and are now concentrated at Woosung.

Smuggling Charge

The "United Press" in Shanghai confirms these reports. They report officially that six Portuguese ships are at present detained at Woosung. They were diverted when en route to Wenchow, and the Japanese have apparently charged them with smuggling.

The Portuguese Consul in Shanghai is said to be planning a protest to the Japanese, pending completion of investigations. Five other Portuguese ships, according to Shanghai reports, were temporarily detained and were released later when it was ascertained that they were sailing for ports to which the Japanese did not object.

P. I. TRAIN SMASH

Manila, Apr. 10.

Yesterday afternoon the Ilocos Express bound for Manila collided with a northbound freight train in Pangasinan province at the town of Poponto.

The baggage car of the Express was damaged and more than twenty passengers were injured, mainly Easter vacationists returning from Baguio.

None are reported killed so far, but it is feared that a few are seriously injured. Some of the passengers were picked up unconscious.

Carlos Estrella and Macario Estrella, two brothers, who were engineers of the Express and freight train respectively, are reported to be badly hurt.

It was reported that the impact was so terrific that the engine of the Express crashed over the freight engine and came to rest on top of the latter.—United Press.

H.M.S. Cicala arrives from Canton this morning.

TROOP MOVEMENTS

BERLIN, Apr. 8.
Reliable circles report small scale troop movements in East Prussia and say that the garrisons on the Polish border are also being strengthened.

However, there is no evidence of large concentrations which would be required if Germany planned to enter Poland.—United Press.

CHAMBERLAIN FOR LONDON

ABERDEEN, Apr. 8.
Mr. Neville Chamberlain entrained for London at 7.35 p.m. to-day.—United Press.

LONDON, Apr. 8.
Fearing that a further advance of the Axis to the south will endanger Britain's communications with India and the outlying British Empire generally, eleven Cabinet ministers are meeting at noon to-day on the advice of the four Defence Ministers.

The latter are reported to favour a public announcement that Britain will fight to defend the independence of Greece and Turkey.

It is understood that what amounts to a recommendation in this sense is awaiting Mr. Chamberlain's full Cabinet verdict, followed by an enquiry from the Greek Minister to London as to British intentions.

Mr. Chamberlain has found the European situation so grave that he has decided to interrupt his vacation to confer with his Ministers.

Parliament Recall

After the Cabinet meeting to consider the occupation of Albania and the reported German troop movements, Labour leaders will demand an immediate recall of Parliament.

Mr. Chamberlain is scheduled to return early this morning and it is believed that his return indicates a ministerial conference on Easter Sunday, which is extremely rare.

Reports reaching Paris say that four Russian destroyers have entered the Eastern Mediterranean through the Dardanelles, implying that they obtained Turkish permission after three divisions of the Italian fleet have been concentrated at the Italian island of Dodecanese.

Unconfirmed British reports say that the Cabinet consider an immediate British guarantee of security to Greece advisable.

The flight of King Zog from Albania has been interpreted as an indication that effective Albanian resistance has collapsed.—United Press.

Diplomatic Activity

London, Apr. 9.
There was considerable diplomatic activity in London throughout Sunday.

This morning, Viscount Halifax had conversations with the Greek Minister, Mr. Sinopoulos, Mr. Neville Chamberlain and M. Georges Corbin, the French Ambassador.

In the afternoon Viscount Halifax, accompanied by Sir Alexander Cadogan, visited the offices of the Committee for Imperial Defence, where they had a conference with Viscount Gort, Chief of Staff, and Vice-Admiral Cunningham, deputy Chief of Naval Staff.—Reuter.

Yugo-Slavia Prepares

Belgrade, Apr. 8.
Yugo-Slavia has strengthened the posts on the Albanian border and has called up a small number of the reserve of officers.

However, well informed circles explained that these measures are normal under the circumstances.—United Press.

Paris Activity

Paris, Apr. 9.
The permanent Committee for National Defence met this afternoon at the War Ministry under the presidency of M. Edouard Daladier.

The meeting was attended by M. Georges Bonnet, General Gamelin, Chief of Staff, M. Camille, Minister for War, M. Guy Lachambre, Minister for Air, Vice-Admiral Darlan, Chief of Naval General Staff, and General Vuillemin, Chief of Air General Staff.—Reuter.

Istanbul Parleys

Istanbul, Apr. 9.
M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, left for Bucharest to-day.



HERR HITLER'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO MEMEL—The German dictator landed in Memel from the German battleship Deutschland and made a triumphant entry into the city. This is the first photograph of this historic event published in Hongkong. Air Mail from Associated Press. Copyright.

Albanian Resistance Ends: King Zog Seeks Sanctuary In Greece

FLORINA, Apr. 8.
KING ZOG, fleeing from Albania, has joined his wife and son as the legions of Italy marched to Tirana, realising that defence was useless.

Albania As "Mandate"

Italian Assurances To Great Britain

ROME, Apr. 9.
LORD PERTH, British Ambassador to Rome, this afternoon called on Count Ciano for information on the events in Albania, and he gathered a full explanation from him.

No further details are available. The fact that a purely Albanian administrative committee has been established in Tirana to run the country is regarded as tending to show that there is, as yet, no intention of proclaiming Albania as an integral part of the Italian empire.

Such reports are described in official circles as tendentious and wholly without foundation.

Gayda's Threat

Unofficial circles believe that no decision will be taken for some time until a clear idea is available of the reaction of Britain, France, and the world generally towards the occupation of Albania.

M. Gayda, writing in "Voce d'Italia", declares that if Britain chooses to consider Italy's action a breach of the Anglo-Italian agreement, she is free to do so, and Italy would adapt her future attitude to such a position.

This is taken to mean that denunciation of the agreement by Britain might lead to an immediate proclamation of Albania as Italian territory.

At the moment it looks as if Italy will proclaim Albania as mandated territory, and all ideas of conquest would be ridiculed.—Reuter.

Disquieting Rumours

London, Apr. 9.
Viscount Halifax to-day saw the Italian Charge d'Affaires, Signor Cavali, who, it is understood, gave categorical assurances with regard to the limited character of the Italian action in Albania.

A number of disquieting rumours (Continued on Page 4.)

King Zog left the capital at night after leading his troops and volunteers in a bitter fight on the Durazzo front. On foreign soil the King hoped to enlist the aid of the great powers and direct guerilla operations against the Italians.

Previous to King Zog's arrival, the Queen appealed to the world to aid the stricken country.

It is said that King Zog personally rejected the appeal yesterday to submit peacefully to the Italian occupation, whereby he would retain his throne.

The King's grandmother, Countess Destrelle Deena, delivered a message through "United Press", saying, "The world must do something for Albania. Its brave people will resist to the end."

King Zog arrived in the early afternoon with a cortege of 10 automobiles and two trucks. He appeared to be weary and worn but immediately joined Queen Geraldine and the baby in an emotional scene.—United Press.

Ciano's Speech

Tirana, Apr. 8.
Count Ciano, in his first speech to the Albanian people, addressed a delegation of notables at the air field.

He said, "It is the Duce's intention to give the people of Albania order, welfare and progress within the framework of their National Life."

He will inspect the expeditionary forces and address the Albanian people. He is also expected to fly to Scutari and other important towns to see how the occupation has been carried out.—United Press.

"Provisional Government" Planned At Tirana

Tirana, Apr. 9.
It is understood that following the entry of Italian troops into the capital, influential citizens will "co-operate" with the Italian military authorities in forming a "provisional government" at Tirana.

Meanwhile, continuing their advance inland, the southern column of Italian forces reached Elbasan, 25 miles south of Tirana on Saturday morning, while the northern column reached the Yugoslav-Albania border at 3.00 p.m.—Domel.

King Zog, Deposited

Rome, Apr. 9.
The Italian Government announced that with the occupation of Albania by Italian forces, King Zog I is regarded as having abdicated. All Italian newspapers declare that the Albanian Dynasty has virtually ceased to exist.

Mechanised Units In South

ROME, Apr. 9.
A COMMUNIQUE from Tirana states that mechanised troops have occupied Asgryncastro, which is in southern Albania.

Another communique states that an Albanian Administrative Committee composed of "eminent Albanian officials and dignitaries" have taken over the administration of Albania temporarily.

Count Ciano Returned To Rome To-day

Count Ciano returned to Rome to-day by air from Tirana and immediately called at the Palazzo Chigi.—Reuter.

Scutari Entered

TIRANA, Apr. 9.
Italian troops entered Scutari at 3 p.m. to-day.

The Prefect of the town of Koritz, in south-eastern Albania, near the Greek frontier has announced himself at the disposal of General Guzzoni, and that he is awaiting the arrival of the Italians.—United Press.

Mussolini For Tirana

Rome, Apr. 8.
A broadcast says that Signor Mussolini will arrive in Tirana on Sunday.—United Press.

Occupation Of Tirana

Tirana, Apr. 8.
Italian troops have occupied Tirana. The Foreign Minister, Count Ciano arrived here in his own private plane to form a new Government, which would be under Italian tutelage.

It is disclosed that the new Government will depend upon Italy entirely for its foreign policy and National defence. The new Cabinet will virtually constitute "home rule" with a local autonomous Government.

It has been authoritatively declared to outlaw King Zog on the grounds (Continued on Page 4.)

LATEST

Chinese Converge On Canton

After considerable successes in recovering a number of places in their long-heralded counter-attack on Canton during the week-end the Chinese forces in Kwangtung are now attacking several strategic towns in the outer defence line of the Japanese-occupied provincial capital.

The Chinese vanguards are converging on Canton in three directions. On the East River front, fighting is now raging at Mount Cha, on the outskirts of Sheklung, the Canton-Kowloon railway town on the southern bank of the river, while the main body of the counter-attacking Chinese on the northern bank of the river are storming the city of Tseungching, 45 miles east of Canton, according to the Ta Kung Pao.

About 25 miles north of Canton another Chinese column of regulars under the personal command of General Chang Fa-kwal, the well-known Iron-side General, have surrounded the Japanese positions in Kolang. Guerrilla warfare against the Japanese is spreading like wild fire in the area with the arrival of the Chinese divisions.

Co-ordinating with the counter-offensive of the land forces a squadron of Chinese planes systematically raided Kolang yesterday, demolishing Japanese defence works in the northern outskirts.

Bitter dog-fights took place with a number of Japanese machines during the Chinese air raids.

On the West River front it is reported that Kowkong, 12 miles south-west of Fatsan, was recaptured by the Chinese yesterday afternoon.

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Archbishop Of Canterbury

"Excommunicated" By Nazi Church Leaders

BERLIN, Apr. 9.
"Sovereign relations" with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The "anti-Nazi" agitation and Bolshevik tendencies, announced a statement published in the official Church Gazette, signed by Dr. Werner, President of the Supreme Council of the Evangelical Church, and by various church presidents and bishops.

The statement raves that, according to newspaper reports, the Archbishop had declared himself in favour of co-operation between Great Britain and Soviet Russia, and that he had tried to form a united front of all Christian churches under the leadership of the Pope against the so-called German menace.—Reuter Special.

Thousands Fail To Qualify As Drivers

LONDON.—Until a few years ago anyone who wanted to drive a motor car might do so—at least as far as getting a licence to drive one was concerned. In actual fact deaf men, dumb men and half-blind men, men subject to epileptic fits and all sorts of unfit people got licences merely by payment of the fee.

To-day it is different, and since June, 1935, no one is granted a licence unless he or she is passed by examiners who put the would-be driver through his paces on the road and in all sorts of conditions of road traffic and weather. While in the probationary stage the candidate must not attempt to drive unless he has a skilled driver in the car with him, until he graduates he must bear on the front and back of the car a prescribed sign "L" (learner) in black on a white ground.

And now arises again the old controversy—Do women or men make the better drivers? Just published figures go upon, men make better drivers than do women.

FAILURE PERCENTAGES

In 1938, the Ministry of Transport examiners passed 52,000 women and failed 30,039; 41 per cent. of failures. The percentage of failures among men was 34. In that year the total number of men and women who were successful was 205,000; of failures, 155,000. From June, 1935, and up to the end of December, 1938, 914,349 men and women passed; 308,237 failed.

It is said that among the main causes of so many failures, especially among women, were lack of due care when entering major roads, inability to judge distances, hand signals badly given or not given at all, failure to keep up with traffic streams, thus causing unnecessary obstruction, and general lack of knowledge of the highway code.

The uncertainty of our law of libel has for years been a cause of complaint, and at very long last an attempt is to be made to reform the law of the mischief. That is to say, a "Bill Amend the Law relating to Libel and Slander" has been tabled in the House of Commons, which, of course, may be a very different thing from getting it through Parliament and into the law.

Among other things, it is designed to relieve authors from liability in some cases. As the law at present stands, an author may, as he believes, invent a character's name, such as a name as he thinks is not borne by any living person. To his cost, when the book is published he finds he is mistaken. Someone bearing that very name pops up from heaven knows where—a libel action.

The Bill aims at protecting the author if he can prove that the plaintiff, that he had no knowledge of the existence of the plaintiff, and that there was no want of reasonable care in failing to know of the existence of the plaintiff, or that he did not foresee, and there was no want of reasonable care in failing to foresee, that the libel might reasonably be understood to refer to the plaintiff.

NECESSARY EVIDENCE

Another provision makes it necessary for a plaintiff to go into the witness-box and give evidence that the libel (or slander) he alleges has in fact done or may do him harm to his reputation, and the defendant—subject to control by the judge—is enabled to show by evidence of specific facts that the plaintiff is not entitled to the reputation which he alleges has been injured.

Another clause discourages frivolous or unwarranted actions by

providing that a plaintiff shall not recover (unless the judge orders otherwise) costs to a greater sum than the damages awarded to him. This should prove a great boon to newspapers.

If this Bill becomes law more or less as it stands, it will certainly do away with some legitimate grievances.

The other day the people in the city who are engaged in the whole-sale tea trade celebrated the centenary of the arrival in the City, in Mingling Lane, on January 10, 1839, of the first consignment of Empire tea. On the rostrum in the auction room of the Tea Brokers' Association of London there appeared the notice: "The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Frank H. Bowater, Auctioneer, Mansion House, E.C.; and the Lord Mayor, magnificent in his robes and insignia, auctioned a silver casket of tea which will not be opened until January 10, 2039. The casket contained two pounds of tea, and the total of the bids for the tea was £1,100 (\$5,780), which will go to charities of the tea trade. The ownership of the casket remains with the association.

As was appropriate, three Indian elephants brought the tea from the docks to the City boundary on Tower Hill in chests slung across their in pannier fashion. They unanimously and resolutely refused to carry them on their backs.

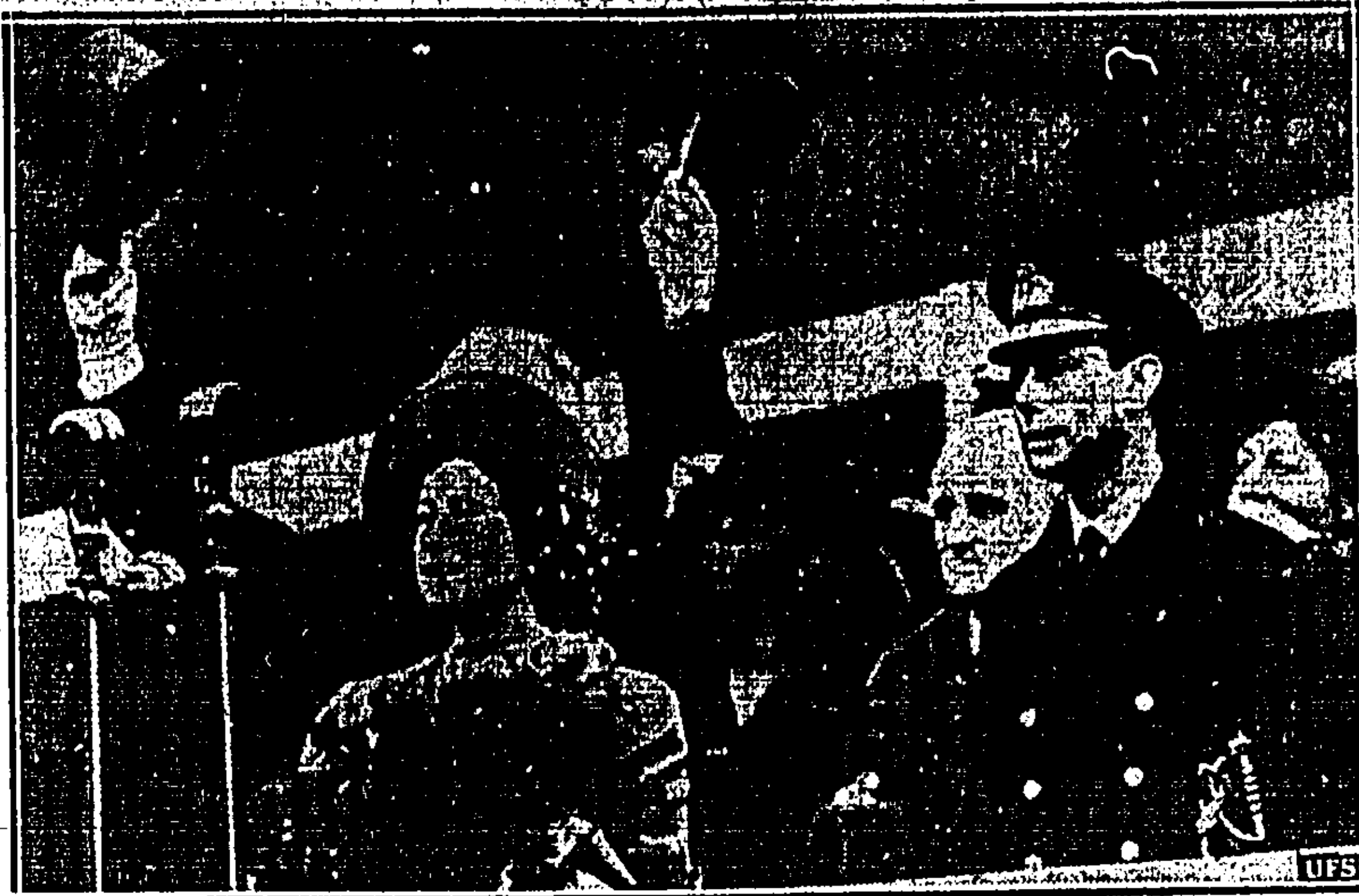
At the City boundary the chests were transferred to drays. This is said to be symbolic of the meeting of East and West—but is much more likely to have been due to the opposition of the police to the elephants entering the City and dislocating traffic.

THE CORONATION SCOT

At the junction of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway—the L.M.S.—I went the other day to see the newly completed train "Coronation Scot," which is shortly to be sent to the United States for an exhibition tour of some 3,000 miles prior to being put on show at the World's Fair.

It certainly is a most magnificent piece of work, not only to the lay eye, but from the standards of the many engineers and train construction people who were present. The other "Coronation Scot" trains which are at present on service are painted in blue and silver—a background of blue with horizontal silver bands running from the streamlined front of the locomotive, where they converge, to the end of the train. In the present instance the train wears the standard L.M.S. livery of crimson lake with gold horizontal bands. Light high-tension steel has been used throughout the construction in order to provide great strength with light weight, the same object being helped by the large-scale use of welding.

The train on exhibition states 173, which is less than the accommodation in the sister trains now in service; the weight of the train without the locomotive is 262 tons, and with the locomotive 426 tons, 9 cwt., and it is about 580 feet in length. Lilliputian figures when compared with transatlantic standards, but the train, both outside and inside, with the artistic beauty of its fittings, must be seen to be appreciated.



Visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to Washington early in June already is energizing many preparations in the White House. Here are the British sovereigns at Newcastle-on-Tyne, when King George launched the new battleship, George V.

Ex-Fiancee Killed In Shop: Man Dies Shots Fired After Quarrel In Dairy

A REJECTED lover, Harry Crees, aged twenty-two walked into an Express Dairy in Fulham-road, S.W., recently, shot dead his ex-fiancee, eighteen-year-old Winifred Tedder, then ran into the yard behind the shop and killed himself with another bullet from his pistol.

A.B. TO CROON FOR THE KING

A NAVAL A.B. will croon for the King and Queen during their voyage to Canada in H.M.S. Repulse.

He is one of the picked instrumentalists who have been taken from other warships to augment the Repulse's band.

The band will begin rehearsals shortly. Their repertoire is particularly wide, ranging from opera to comedy "production numbers." The King enjoys light music like Strauss and Sullivan while the Queen's taste inclines to works by Chopin, Schubert, and Stravinsky.

The band will play during lunch and dinner in the newly-decorated saloon and in the evening for dancing in the ballroom, which has a polished floor. The King and Queen are both keen dancers and will have all the latest "hits" the choruses being crooned in customary fashion.

A small cinema screen and projector, similar to the pattern now universally fitted in both naval vessels and ocean liners, is already installed in the Repulse, and a selection of new films will be taken and shown during the trip. At the King's request, the usual routine of the day will be carried out without alteration while the Court is at sea. There will be no unnecessary saluting or bowing as the King and Queen move about the 32,000-ton battleship.

Financial Aid For China

LONDON. REFERENCE to export credits for the Chinese Government was made in a question in the House of Commons recently.

Mr. R. Morgan asked the Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department whether he will now state the export credits which it is proposed to grant to the Chinese Government out of the extra sum approved by Parliament and whether these grants give effect to the requests of the Chinese Government?

Mr. Cross: I have been asked to reply. As my right hon. Friend has explained more than once guarantees under the Export Guarantees Act are given not to foreign Governments but to or for the benefit of United Kingdom exporters. Transactions relating to exports to China are under consideration but I am afraid no particulars can be given.

Beginner's Luck

Alviso, Cal. Walter Murch now believes in fish stories. Going fishing for the first time in his life, Murch, after catching five small in rapid succession, suddenly caught a shark on the sixth cast of his line. Not knowing what to do, Murch allowed the shark to topple him into the water, but two men rushing to his rescue landed both him and the shark.

Banquet Cartoons Seized

DOLICE in Boston, U.S.A., recently raided a printing works and seized 300,000 cartoons of President Roosevelt.

Police Commissioner Timilty described the cartoon as "a vicious and obscene attack."

"In any other country but America those responsible would have been put before a firing squad," he said.

The cartoons were to have been distributed at a Boston banquet.

EMPIRE NEWS

BURMA GOVERNOR ON DISORDERS

Rangoon. Sir Archibald Cochrane, the Governor, addressing the Senate and House of Representatives, referred to the disorders in Burma. He strongly criticised the inflammatory tendency of the Press, which, he said, had contributed to the death and injury of numbers of innocent persons.

Damage to the interests of innocent people might compel the Government to restrain the unbridled licence of the Press.

The Governor strongly condemned the way in which children, girls as well as boys, had been instigated to commit illegal acts, in the expectation that their youth would protect them from the consequences. Constitutional means for redress of grievances existed in the Legislature. It was the bounden duty of members to bring forward for discussion the disabilities which they believed afflicted their constituents.

LACK OF UNDERSTANDING

During the disturbances the areas directly under the control of the Governor had been peaceful. It might appear as if the democratic system were not succeeding.

He did not take that view. There had been a lack of understanding of the responsibility of members of the Legislature to assist in the wise guidance of the affairs of the country.

The responsibility of Ministers to the Legislature did not mean that the Government was condemned to be limited of purpose or weak in execution of its policy. The Government had been fortunate in having the devoted service of its officials and police officers.

INDIA

ATTACKS BY WAZIR TRIBESMEN

New Delhi. A recrudescence of hostile activity was recently reported from Waziristan recently. A renewed attack has been made on Datta Khel fort, which last summer withstood a sporadic siege of over a month before relief. A Lashkar of the Madia Khel tribe fired 15 shells at 800 yards' range from two guns. Two shells penetrated the fort wall.

The attack was made in bright moonlight, enabling aircraft from Miram Shah to engage the tribesmen. The gang, though checked, is believed not to have been dispersed. To the north-east two nights previously the villagers of Shamsi Khel, near Bannu, successfully resisted a raid by Ahmedzai Wazirs, two of whom were killed and one wounded.

Sniping of camps and attacks on road traffic persist. Nehru Forecast Crisis.—"We are at the door of a big crisis," declared Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at the opening of the States Congress party campaign at Allahabad recently. He ridiculed the argument of the sanctity of the treaty with the Indian Princes, and charged the British Government with complicity with the Indian States in resisting the democratic movement.

NEW ZEALAND

CONTROL OF FOREIGN TRAVEL

Auckland. The Government is requiring applicants for funds for overseas travel to disclose all holdings of capital wherever held. Hitherto it has been necessary to declare only the cash in the country to be visited.

The railways show a working profit of £20,000 over a period of 10 weeks. The previous return showed a loss of £2,000.

JAMAICA

COST OF LABOUR TROUBLES

Kingston. It is estimated that during last year the labour troubles in Jamaica have cost the Government £20,000 in maintaining order.

Increase to the wages of the subordinate staffs, including the Public Works Department, prisons, police, Post Office hospital and teachers will amount to another £220,000.

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Refugee Boy's Night Walk With Letter To King

NEWCASTLE.

CRYING, in a state of collapse, and tightly clutching a letter to the King pleading for help in the release of his parents from a German concentration camp, a 14-year-old Jewish boy refugee was found by a watchman early recently on the Team Valley Trading Estate, where the King and Queen were due later.

The boy, Leo Levi, was unable to speak English and was desperately anxious that his letter should not be lost.

Leo, who is the son of a professor of mathematics in Germany, came to England several months ago, and has been staying at the Talmudical College in Gateshead.

HELP WITH THE LETTER

He said: "One of the other boys knew that I wished to send this letter," said Leo, "and as my English was not too good he offered to write the letter for me. 'All I said was that I thanked the King for the refuge I had found in England and how happy I was here. I also said that I should very much like my father and mother to come to England as well.'"

"After the letter was written last night I stayed up until after midnight. Then I set off towards the Team Valley estate. "On the fringe of the estate I met a man and I asked him where there was a letter box. Then police came along in a car. "The question of forwarding the letter to the King is being considered.

QUEEN INVITED TO TEA

Human incidents packed the royal programme to-day the second of three days which the King and Queen are spending on Tyneside. "Alice Pegram, 10½-year-old machinist in a clothing factory on the Team Valley Trading Estate, told the King how to make a button-hole. Then she found to her dismay that the machine was not threaded.

LIVER AND BACON AT 11.30 p.m.

BLESS MY SOUL! SAID THE JUDGE

SAID Mr. Justice Charles, in the King's Bench Division recently: "Bless my soul. Liver and bacon at 11.30 p.m. You cigar merchants are stout fellows!"

He had heard Mr. Louis Brooks, a cigar merchant, of Sackville Street, W., allege that he was thrown out of the Windsor Castle Diner and Oyster Bar in Victoria Street, S.W., after having a meal of liver and bacon.

A claim for assault damages by Mr. Brooks against Carr's (London) Ltd., owners of the premises, was dismissed with costs.

Mr. Brooks complained that while waiting for a taxi, after having missed his overcoat, he was seized and thrown out of the place.

NOCTURNAL UNEASE
Replying to Mr. J. D. Cassels, K.C. (for the defence), Mr. Brooks denied that he was abusive, and shouted at the top of his voice: "I will have the law on this house and the supervisor who let another man take my coat away."

A doctor gave evidence that, when he was called to see Mr. Brooks the day after the alleged assault, he was told that the plaintiff had been groaning all night.

The Judge: It may have been the liver and bacon, nocturnal unease.

Mr. Justice Charles said he found,

GAS MASK FOOTBALL

WHEN a greengrocer sued a firm for damages, his wife told Lambeth County Court judge that men delivering gasmasks played football with one, and kicked it through the window.

The defence was that kicking a gasmask was not in the course of employment. The greengrocer lost his claim.

On the evidence, that Mr. Brooks acted in a disorderly and violent way. Refusing to leave, he was put out without the use of unreasonable force.



When the Soviet freighter Chelyuskets docked at Jersey City, N. J., four women were in her crew. They were Stewardess Uliana Lebedeva, Radio Operator Elizabeth Georgopulo, Second Mate Galina Gradskaia and Stewardess Nina Todary.

One Torpedo Drives Fleet From Baltic

Blow To Germany's 1915 Strategy

British submarines frequently penetrated to enemy waters during the Great War, in the face of all sorts of difficulties, and in at least one instance completely upset a campaign.

Full details of these exploits based on official sources, are given for the first time in "We Dive At Dawn," by Lt.-Cmdr. K. P. M. Edwards, published recently (Rich and Cowan, 12s. 6d.).

The first British submarine to enter the Baltic, on Oct. 17, 1914, was E1, commanded by Lt.-Cmdr. N. F. Laurence. In company with E2, Lt.-Cmdr. Max Horton, he soon interrupted Germany's munitions traffic with Sweden. On Aug. 10, 1915, the Germans made a determined attempt to force their way into the Gulf of Riga, at the entrance to which E1 was patrolling.

"At 8.10 a.m. Laurence sighted German battle cruisers steaming in line abreast. He did not have much time, for the visibility was only two miles, and the enemy were steaming fast; but 10 minutes after sighting the enemy he fired a torpedo at the Seydlitz, the starboard wing ship of the enemy squadron.

"It was only possible to get off one torpedo, for E1 had only one bow tube. Moreover, Laurence was not given time to turn to fire a beam tube: in his own words, 'E1 immediately went deep to avoid being rammed by a destroyer which passed within a few feet.'"

THE MOLTKE OUT OF ACTION

Actually the torpedo missed the Seydlitz, but hit the Moltke, the next ship in the line, flooding her forward torpedo room and killing eight men. As soon as she was hit Admiral Hipper turned his entire force and returned to Danzig, where the Moltke was found to have shipped 450 tons of water. She was out of action for a month in consequence. According to the German official history:

"The whole operations were at once suspended, and two days later an Imperial order directed that the ships of the High Sea Fleet were to leave the Baltic."

Thus E1's one torpedo led to the withdrawal of the naval forces on whose support the German army had been relying, and the operations against Riga were not renewed until October, 1917.

Cmdr. Laurence, as he soon afterwards became, was sent for by the Tsar, who thanked him personally and said: "You have saved our city of Riga." He is now Vice-Admiral Sir Noel Laurence, the Admiral Commanding Reserves.

Shrapnel 22 Years In His Heart

For 22 years shrapnel has been embedded in the heart of Mr. David Jones, of Lime-grove, Bangor, North Wales, but he did not know it until recently, when he heard the result of an X-ray examination.

Mr. David Tall, headmaster of Armadale School, West Lothian, collapsed while making his round of classes and died.

Work for several hundreds is likely to be provided at a factory which will be built on a 20-acre site at Theale, Berks., bought by the Imperial Tobacco Company for one of its London branches, W. and F. Faulkner.

Colonel H. L. Nathan, M.P., has been appointed a J.P. for London, his wife, a member of the L.C.C., has been a London J.P. since 1920.

Ernest Hill, Hull fisherman, who gained the Stanhope gold medal for rescuing a shipmate, sought a shore job because of ill-health, and has taken a post as caretaker at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

To study British Parliamentary methods, Mr. Henri Vallotton, President of the Swiss National Council, or Parliament is in London; changes are to be made in the procedure of the Swiss Parliament.

Trout Curious Fish

Plumas National Forest, Cal.
Trout are much more interested in human beings than the average fisherman could ever be induced to believe, according to O. J. Erickson, Cow Hollow miner. Erickson, in a deep sea diving outfit, has been mining extensively at the bottom of Feather river. He states that trout constantly swim around his outfit and peer at him through the glass openings.

Shanghai Engagement

THE engagement is announced between Miss Sylvia Rapozo, London, and Mr. Robert Gascoigne, who is a subaltern in the Scots Guards and is stationed in Shanghai. They have not seen each other for nearly eighteen months.

Miss Rapozo, dark and twenty-two years old, was presented when she was seventeen. She has been doing a lot of V.A.D. work at Home lately and her two chief interests in life are riding and Highland dancing. This last is probably just as well, as she is marrying a Scot and will probably have to live "among those barbarians."

They got engaged by post, and Miss Rapozo will soon arrive in China.

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Lotte Krauss, refugee from Vienna, arrived in Miami, Fla., and got a job singing a broom after hours in a night club. But someone heard her singing and soon the management told her to quit the broom and come up to the microphone.

Wife Volunteers For Bullet Test In Shelter

A YOUNG Birmingham wife recently volunteered to sit in a steel air-raid shelter while it was bombarded with bricks—and machine-gun bullets.

She is Mrs. Kathleen Hamilton, a 24-year-old city typist, of Yarningdale Road, King's Heath. "Why should I worry?" she said. "I'm sure I'll come through safely. I told my husband about it. He advised me not to go, but I'm going for the thrill of it."

The shelter, which is bell-shaped and made of heavy steel plate, was demonstrated by its manufacturers, a Birmingham firm.

One of the firm's executive and Mrs. Hamilton took part in the tests. The shelter has room for one person only.

Tons of masonry was collapsed on the shelter, which was placed inside a factory about to be demolished.

Mrs. Laurel Wants £27 For Food

New York.

THE marital switchback of Stan Laurel, film comedian, has taken another sharp turn.

His third wife, Illana, the Russian singer, stating he deserted her, has filed a renewal of her action started a few months ago, and asks for £170 a month alimony, with a house.

She demands £110 for food, £13 for music lessons, £10 per doctor's bills, £10 for servants, £5 for laundry, and £20 miscellaneous expenses, in addition to the unstated cost of the rent.

"ENOUGH TROUBLE"

Laurel again left her, she says, after drinking heavily. "As if I haven't enough trouble already with the Hal Roach case coming up," he said.

He is seeking £24,000 damages from Hal Roach Studios for alleged breach of contract. Roach's defence alleges that Laurel was discharged after violating the "morale" clause in his contract by drinking and ignoring studio calls to work.

Efforts are still going on to settle these differences and restore Laurel and Hardy's team again. But studio officials are hampered by continual changes in Laurel's marital arrangements.

Then the shelter was taken to the gunproof house at Small Heath. Here Mrs. Hamilton—or the executive—will stay inside while thousands of bullets pound the steel plates.

Home Office experts, local M.P.s and A.R.P. authorities watched. The makers claim that the shelter is proof against splinters, shrapnel, falling masonry, glass, blast, bullets and incendiary bombs.

£3,000,000 SUBWAY

A £3,250,000 bomb-proof underground subway to run one and a half miles under Central Birmingham is being considered by Birmingham Public Works Committee.

Councillor Norman Tiptaft stated at a recent meeting of the City Council that the subway, which would have a 40ft. carriageway and two footways, would be capable of sheltering 24,000 people.

Its peace-time intention was to relieve traffic congestion. The Council passed A.R.P. plans providing an expenditure of £170,000 on air-raid shelters.

DEEP SHELTERS ESSENTIAL

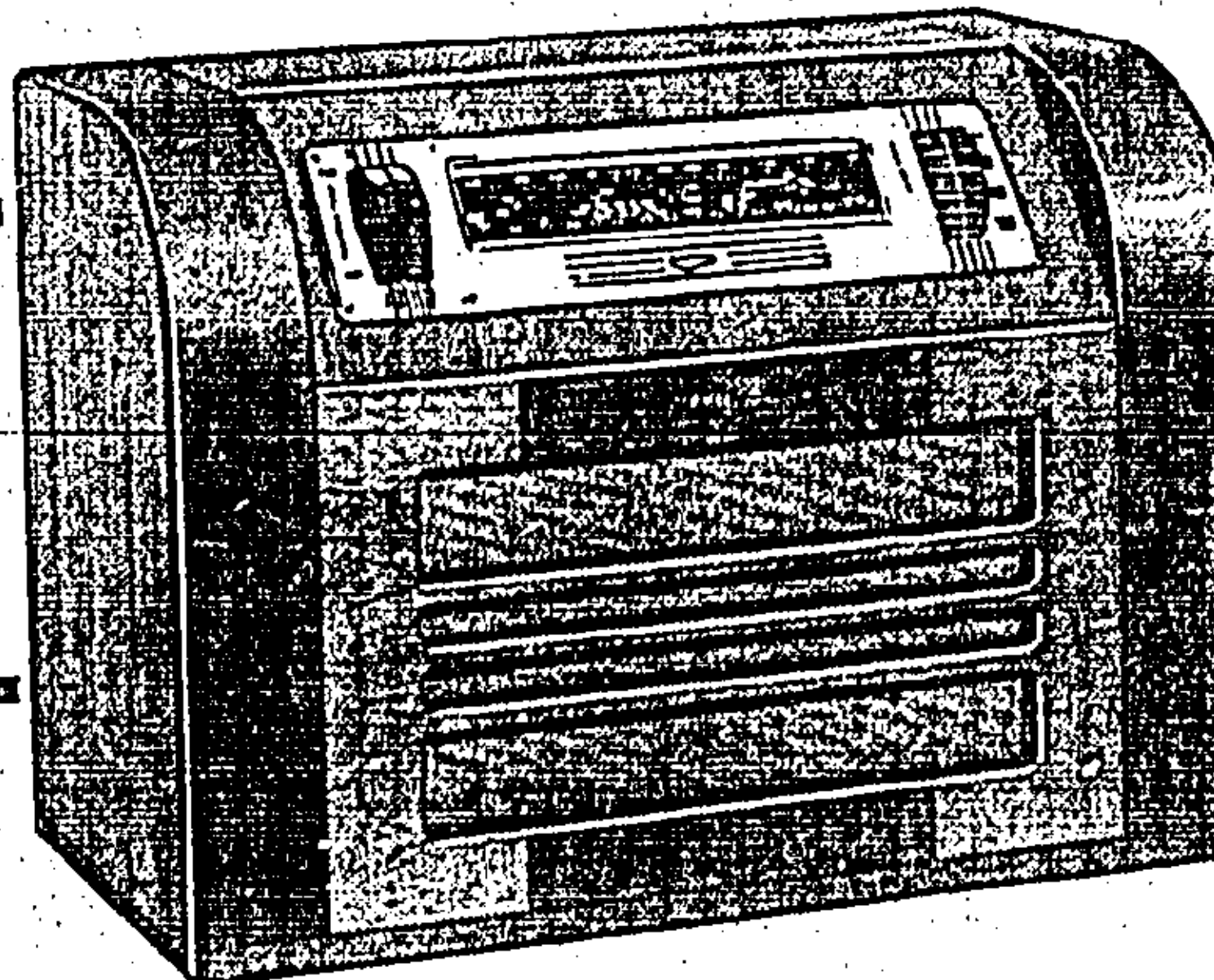
A.R.P. news from other parts of Britain includes:

An urgent plea for deep shelters, made in a statement issued with the signatures of over 300 doctors practising psychological medicine throughout Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The signatories include leaders in psychiatry, medicine, some of international fame, and 59 who are superintendents of mental hospitals. Recruiting and training of air raid wardens in the Metropolitan Police area are to be transferred from local authorities to the police.

The Metropolitan Boroughs Standard Joint Committee, the authority dealing with the question, has been conferring with Sir John Anderson.

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EMPIRE NEWS

U.S. AID IN DEFENCE OF CANADA

Ottawa.
I understand that the Canadian Government is planning to establish a fleet of fast motor torpedo boats similar to those adopted by the British Navy, which will be concentrated on the Atlantic coast, especially in the vicinity of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

There is speculation in defence circles as to what extent co-operation for defence between the United States and Canada—to which the Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King, made reference in the House of Commons recently—has been carried.

The Premier said that no commitments had been undertaken by either country, but that close contact was being maintained.

A reliable informant, however, told me that tactical plans were being formed along the lines of ensuring the greatest possible security for the North American continent.

CONGRESS DEMAND TO BRITAIN

Jalpaiguri, Bengal.
A resolution urging the All-India Congress to send a six months' ultimatum to the British Government in which to answer categorically "India's national demand" for the right to frame her own constitution by means of a constituent assembly was passed by the Bengal Congress Political Conference here.

If there were no reply from Great Britain, or the reply was unsatisfactory, the Congress, it was pointed out, would consider itself justified in resorting to whatever action it deemed necessary to enforce that demand.

SPONGE INDUSTRY THREATENED

Nassau.
It was announced recently that Dr. Galtsoff, Senior Scientist on the Bureau of Fisheries at Washington, has been selected by the United States Government to collaborate with the Bahamas Sponge Fishers' Department in investigating the mysterious malady which threatens to destroy the sponge industry in the Bahamas.

AUSTRALIA GROWING INFLUX OF CAPITAL

Sydney.
The Federal Treasurer, Mr. Cawsey, states that the importation of overseas capital, which now commonly takes the form of the establishment of new or the extension of existing factories in Australia, is continuing at a satisfactory rate.

Although precise figures are not available, it is estimated that capital coming into Australia from all overseas sources amounts to about £10,000,000 a year.

During the last few years half of this has come from New Zealand, and expert opinion here inclines to the view that the influx from there is already rapidly increasing as a result of the new trade restrictions put into force by the New Zealand Government.

JAMAICA FUGITIVES FROM DEVIL'S ISLAND

Kingston.
Two French fugitives from Devil's Island, the French penal settlement, were rescued recently from the uninhabited Pedro Cay, south of Jamaica where they had spent six weeks.

Along with two others who were able to reach the island two days ago, they travelled 75 miles by sea in an open boat, and reached the north coast of Jamaica.

The men left Jamaica some time in December in an effort to reach Mexico after landing here from French Guiana. They are now in hospital under treatment for exhaustion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Thursday, the 13th April, 1939, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 29th March to 13th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1939.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1939, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

The Transfer Register will be closed from April 10th to 22nd, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 1, 1939.

ALBANIA AS "MANDATE"

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led Viscount Halifax to see Signor Crolla three times to-day.

It is stated in authoritative circles that Viscount Halifax left Signor Crolla in no doubt with regard to the serious view taken by the British Government in view of Italian action in Albania, and also with regard to the strength of British feeling on the subject.

Due note has been taken officially of the assurances given by Signor Crolla, and Lord Perth has been informed of them and also of the general tenor of the conversations, which, it is understood, covered any and every kind of rumour.

Anxiety Decreases

It may be stated that anxieties over the situation are now somewhat less than they were this morning.

Official circles have nothing to say on the possible effect of Italian action in Albania on future British policy, which will doubtless be discussed at to-morrow's Cabinet meeting.

Anxiety for the safety of Sir A. Ryan, the British Minister to Albania, has been dispelled by receipt of news from him dated from Durazzo.

The foregoing authoritative information can apparently be interpreted as indicating a slight easing in anxiety.—*Reuter.*

American Denunciation

Washington, April 8.
Both President Roosevelt and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, have denounced the invasion of Albania as a threat to world peace.

The denunciation was contained in a formal statement after Mr. Hull held a telephone consultation with the President at Warm Springs.

The text of the denunciation, in part is as follows:—
"The forcible and violent invasion of Albania is unquestionably an additional threat to world peace."

"It would be short-sighted not to take sight of this further development."

"Any threat to world peace seriously concerns all nations and violates the will of all people that their governments shall lead them, not towards war, but in the paths of peace."

It is scarcely necessary to add that the inevitable effect of this incident, taken with similar incidents, will further destroy the confidence and undermine the economic stability of every country in the world, thus affecting our own welfare."

Mr. Hull evaded a direct answer to the question as to whether the United States considers the invasion of Albania a clear violation of the Kellogg-Briand Pact.

However, his attitude has not left any doubt that he considers the invasion a violation of the pact.

In answering questions, Mr. Hull particularly emphasised the opening words of the text as an unqualified description of the Italian action.—*United Press.*

THOUGHT IS FREE IN ENGLAND

"But Justice Must Be Firm With Terrorists"

SUMMING-UP recently in the trial of the first nine men on explosives charges at the Old Bailey Mr. Justice Humphreys said:

"There is complete freedom of thought in this country, and any person who takes the view that Ireland or Scotland or the Isle of Man or the Isle of Wight ought to be severed from the British Crown and become a republic is perfectly entitled to hold that view."

"Moreover such a person is entitled to express his views and by writing or by speech to induce others if he can to be converted to his views. All that is permissible and that is what is called political propaganda."

"The NEED TO BE FIRM."
"When a person ceases to employ constitutional methods of altering the position of part of a British Dominion and employs method of terrorism, incendiarism, causing of explosions, and rendering the life of respectable law-abiding citizens impossible, it is that the Crown invites those who are responsible for the administration of the criminal law to act firmly in doing what they can to suppress such illegal and dangerous acts."

"Let it be clearly understood that in this trial the question really at issue should be an Irish republic or not has absolutely nothing whatever to do with it."

"THESE DAYS OF SO CALLED EDUCATION."
"These men are in the dock because it is alleged against them rightly or wrongly that they used methods which cannot be tolerated for a moment in any civilised country."

"You and I need not stop to consider whether it really is possible these days of education, or so-called education, that people can really and honestly hold the view that they are assisting their country to become a republic by destroying the telephones, electric lights, the public buildings, and the private buildings of people who live in another country."

"It may appear to be a perfectly ridiculous question, and we need not stop to discuss it."

"ENTITLED TO BE PATRIOTIC."
"These men no doubt regard themselves as patriots. They have said so. Let them be patriots. Let every Irishman who thinks there ought to be an Irish Republic be a patriot. They are perfectly entitled to be so."

"But what these men are charged with is committing a criminal offence."

The judge said the first count against the men of conspiring to cause explosions was the more important. The second count of conspiring to commit arson added nothing to the case. It would not add one day to the punishment of anyone.

"GLORIED IN WHAT HE DID."
Speaking of the accused men individually, the judge said Stuart had been called "Operations Officer, Britain."

"He was one of those who was loudest in saying that he gloried in what he had done, and would do so again. He had offered no explanation."

"In the case of Walker, Healy and O'Shea, not one of these men has ever been in any trouble before. They are not ordinary criminals. They are not ordinary men."

"A gather from Dr. Roche Lynch, he added, 'that aluminium powder is a very dangerous thing for criminals to use because it is a light powder and has that property of shining.'

"If you use it dry you are almost certain to get it on your clothes and you cannot get it off again."

"THE MAN IN THE STREET."
The judge spoke of what he described as "the story of the man in the street" when he came to the case of O'Shea.

"In that story," said the judge, "the policeman says, 'where did you get that gold watch?' and the man replies, 'Oh a man in the street that I met and he gave it to me.'"

The prosecution suggested that it was a most difficult story to accept. Healy was alleged to have been the buyer of a large quantity of explosives for the I.R.A. and to have been extremely useful as he had an established position in London.

"WAS HE THE DUPE?"
Referring to Healy's evidence that he had bought the chemicals for a Dublin pharmacist named Burke, Mr. Justice Humphreys said:

"Mr. Burke, or the person who came and represented himself as Burke was an emissary of the I.R.A. It was never intended that this material should go to Ireland—it was intended for use to make explosives in England."

The question for the jury to determine was whether Healy knew that. He only said, 'I am the only one I had not the least idea anything was wrong.'"

The judge's summing-up lasted two hours and thirty-five minutes. The jury retired.

Hungarians In Slovakia

Budapest, Apr. 8.
Hungarian troops have marched into Slovakia and formally taken over in the name of Hungary, the territory gained in the Slovak-Hungarian agreement.—*United Press.*

Easter Leave Cancelled Demonstrations In Birmingham

Cardiff, Apr. 8.
The police departments of Cardiff and Newport cancelled all Easter leave after receiving information from the Birmingham police regarding I.R.A. activities.

Extra police guards have been placed along the railways, on the river bridges and in the dockyards of both towns.—*United Press.*

ALBANIAN RESISTANCE ENDS: KING ZOG SEEKS SANCTUARY IN GREECE

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that his return to Albania might provoke disturbances.

Air Infantrymen

The Italians landed an entire regiment of Grenadiers, totalling about 3,000 men, from airplanes—one of the biggest troop movements ever accomplished via air.

Thousands of Bewildered Albanians

Thousands of bewildered Albanians, mainly women and children, witnessed the new tri-motored bombers land as they wheeled and halted.

The tall fully equipped Grenadiers

The tall fully equipped Grenadiers emerged and formed a line of parade formation, many carrying machine-guns which they swiftly assembled.

The Italians posted posters on the walls of public buildings

The Italians posted posters on the walls of public buildings, condemning King Zog and hailing Signor Mussolini. It is reported that King Victor Emanuel of Italy will be given additional powers which will be tantamount to making Albania an integral part of the Italian Empire.—*United Press.*

Last City Falls

It has been announced that Italian troops have occupied El Bassom, the last city to resist General Alfredo Guzzoni, the Field Commander of the occupation of Albania, who arrived by airplane from Durazzo after noon and immediately set up his headquarters here.

Count Ciano also arrived by airplane to-day.

Besides the Albanian delegation, Count Ciano was greeted at the airfield by the German and Spanish Ministers. Count Ciano then led a parade of automobiles through the main street of Tirana.

In the main square, Count Ciano

reviewed a detachment of machine gunners, tall Grenadiers and short Bersaglieri, in their feathered hats.

The review included armoured cars, motor cycles with machine guns

on the handle bars, troop trucks, squads of soldiers on bicycles as well as squads of mountain artillery, while pursuit planes and bombers manoeuvred overhead.

Many Albanian troops who resisted

the Italian occupation are beginning to return to the capital, surrendering their arms.

It is also reported that many officers have surrendered and announced their willingness to serve Italy.

To Leave Greece

Headed by King Zog, Queen Geraldine, with members of the Government proceeded from Florina by train to-day towards Larissa on the railway line to Athens without stopping here.

An Athens message says that it is understood that King Zog and Queen Geraldine will leave Greece as soon as possible.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS Philippines Probably Meet Australia

Manila, Apr. 9.
The Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation have announced that the Philippines Davis Cup tennis team will meet Australia somewhere in California on July 15, that is assuming that the Australians will defeat Mexico in the first round of the North American Zone.—*United Press.*

TENNIS CHAMPION

Johannesburg, Apr. 8.
E. Sturges, of Southern Transvaal, became the youngest player ever to win the South Africa lawn tennis singles championship when he beat E. Fennin, the Springbok Davis Cup player by 6-2, 6-7, 3-6, 6-5, 7-5.—*Reuter.*

King Zog In Athens

Athens, Apr. 9.
King Zog of Albania arrived here to-day. He was accompanied by a suite of forty-five, including his sisters, and will occupy forty rooms in the big Mediterranean palace at Salonica where Queen Geraldine is already established.—*United Press.*

New Hope In War On Cancer

EXPERIMENTAL research now being carried out in British hospitals has brought the cure of cancer within measurable distance.

Pathologists, working in secret alliance with the chemists, have evolved two new compounds. B.R.I. Colloid Sulphur-Selenium and Radio-Active Selenium.

Several years ago doctors engaged in cancer research noted that an injection of lead into the blood of a patient frequently brought a measure of relief. There was no apparent reason for the phenomenon, but they persisted in their experiments.

In 1929 a physician in Bristol came to the conclusion that the little known element of selenium would add to the efficacy of the lead.

Selenium has strange electromagnetic properties. It is that seemingly magic thing which mysteriously opens doors when someone walks across a threshold. It is also used in burglar alarms.

PAIN DISAPPEARS.
Patient experiment showed that a mixture of lead and selenium had even better results than lead used alone, and the next step was to investigate the possibilities of a combination of lead-selenium injections with X-ray treatment.

The researchers proceeded slowly. Month after month mice which had been implanted with cancer were injected with the compound in varying doses and then subjected to X-ray. Step by step the formulae were noted.

Ultimately the decision was taken to use the treatment on human patients. Only those cases were taken which the surgeons regarded as inoperable and for which little hope remained.

Almost from the commencement of the new treatment beneficial results were obtained. Patients were relieved of pain, and there were signs of healing.

Now, the investigators claim, the formulae at which the chemists arrived the S.S.C. and R.A.S.—have shown definite cures.

The treatment at present is a prolonged and complicated one, and every new case is regarded as an experiment.

A quantity of sulphur-selenium is injected into a vein on the front of the wrist, and the patient's reactions are carefully watched for 48 hours. If they are satisfactory and the injection has done its work, the X-ray is applied. The treatment is continued for two months by weekly injections and subsequent irradiation. Injections are then made weekly of the healing radio-active selenium.

In Bristol there are a number of established cases in which the new treatment has succeeded. In Hampshire there are two others.

LADYLIKE BOYCOTT

A WOMAN has become chairman of the L.C.C. She has made history for the feminine.

But when a reception in her honour is held in April one leading feminist organisation will not be represented.

The woman is Mrs. E. M. Lowe. She was for three years chairman of the L.C.C.'s Education Committee.

THE REASON.
And that committee passed a rule barring women from being school attendance officers. That is the reason for the boycott.

The boycotters, the London and National Society for Women's Service, were one of the senior feminist organisations founded by suffragettes during the war.

They are said to have communicated with other women's groups inviting them to join the boycott.

Both sides in the dispute are being extremely ladylike. Both preferred not to talk about it.

Miss Philippa Strachey, secretary of the London and National Society for Women's Service, said: "All I can say is that the invitation has been refused; but that no disrespect is intended towards Mrs. Lowe."

"NOT THE OCCASION."
Miss Underwood, secretary of the Women's Freedom League, organisers of the reception, said: "We don't wish to discuss the matter because we do not want to embarrass Mrs. Lowe. We agree with most women's societies that the decision not to have women school attendance officers is a wrong one, but we feel that this reception is not the occasion on which to protest."

The L.C.C. already appear to have regretted their ban. It was considered particularly reactionary because, since the Children and Young Persons' Act of 1933, a great deal more court work has been thrown on London's 250 school attendance officers.

The intimate nature of the work, especially where it concerns young girls, makes it suitable for women. As a sop to the opposition, the L.C.C. may appoint a woman school "inquiry officer."

POST OFFICE.

EASTER HOLIDAYS
The General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open, to-day April 10, as follows:
General Post Office 8 a.m. to Noon
Kowloon Central Post Office 8 a.m. to Noon
Sheungwan Branch Post Office 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes as on Sunday, and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

MAIL FOR CANTON
Registered and Ordinary mail and Parcels (not insured) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE
Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Elro) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

From	Per	Due
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	April 10.
Strait	Telcelas	April 10.
Shanghai and Manila	Change	April 11.
Shanghai	Glenbeg	April 11.
Saloon	Laos	April 11.
Strait and Manila	Menestheus	April 11.
Calcutta, Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 9th March	Santha	April 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sulung	April 11.
Japan	Vitorlock	April 11.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.) London date, 10th March and London date, 10th March	Carthage	April 12.
Manila	Empress of Canada	April 12.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th April	Imperial Airways Plane	April 12.
Saloon	Jean Laborde	April 12.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 5th April	Pan American Airways Plane	April 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	Soochow	April 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	April 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 18th March)	Pres. Adams	April 13.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 24th March)	Pres. Taft	April 13.
Java	Tjibadak	April 13.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	April 14.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and (Papers only for Canada) via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 29th April	Pres. Coolidge G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels	Mon., Apr. 10, 10 a.m. Apr. 10, 11.15 a.m. Apr. 10, Noon.
Amoy and Foochow	Halyang	Mon., Apr. 10, Noon.
Swatow	Kwangtung	Mon., Apr. 10, Noon.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 17th April	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Apr. 10, Noon.
Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 17th April	K.P.O.	Mon., Apr. 10, Noon.
	Reg.	Apr. 10, Noon.
	Ord.	Apr. 10, Noon.
	G.P.O.	Apr. 10, Noon.
	Reg.	Apr. 10, Noon.
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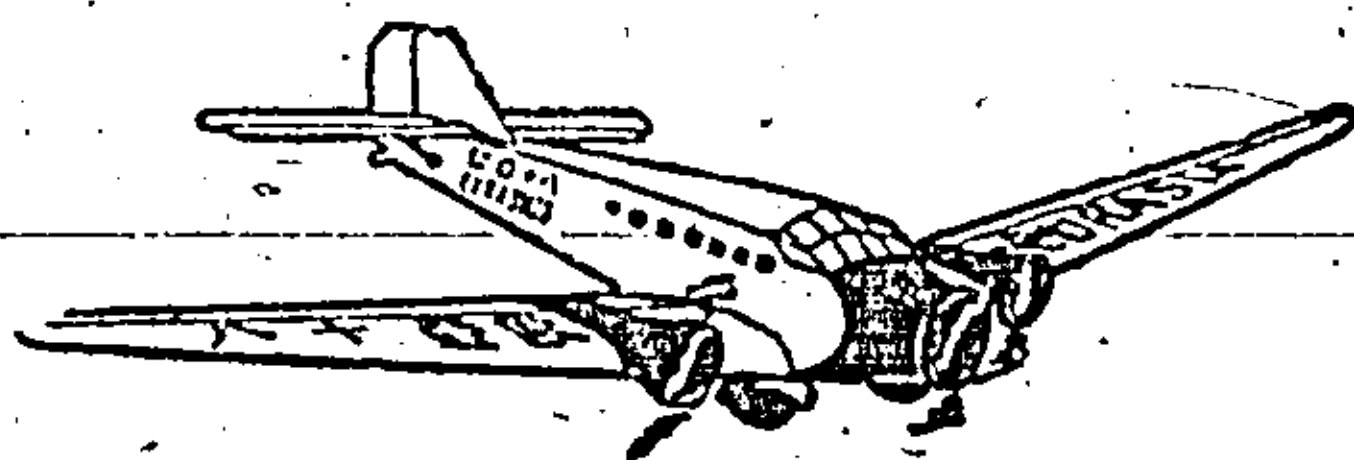
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The Sword Rules

ALBANIA writhes helplessly in Signor Mussolini's hand.

No help will come to Tirana from anywhere. Not from Belgrade or Budapest, her neighbours. Not from London, not from Paris, not from Moscow. Tirana knows that.

In the Totalitarian States, law, justice, mercy do not exist. The sword exists, and the sword rules.

How far the two Totalitarians will go is not yet clear. In past months charges have been laid against the "Telegraph" for publishing "United Press" despatches regarding Hitler's and Mussolini's intentions in Europe. To-day we can give this American Agency credit for forecasting to the very date the German annexation of Moravia and Bohemia. It told us four days beforehand of Mussolini's intention of carrying the sword into Albania. It tells us this morning that within a week German troops will enter Danzig. We pray that this latter prediction is wrong—for Danzig means war.

What is now apparent is that the dictators will demand the acknowledgment of their mastery, obedience to their authority in neighbouring states. Totalitarianism is always aggressive. It possesses a foreign policy which demands sacrifices from others—sacrifices of treaty rights, of territory.

How it goes further. It demands power—power for its own sake, for the sheer pleasure of exercising it. The material concession, the instruction accepted, are secondary.

It is the act of submission, the salute of slave to master, for which the dictators lust. You recall that Hitler made triumphant entries into Prague and Memel as soon as they fell to the Nazi sword. You read that Mussolini plans the same entry to-day into Tirana.

The conquered must cry "Hell Hitler", "Viva, Il Duce."

No grievance, true or false, matters. The humiliation of brave opponents, that is what is wanted.

Who will be next?

**Whether they lose their partners by
divorce or death—**

**3 out of 5
marry again**

AND if I had my time over again I'd never marry you. I wouldn't marry anybody. What I say is, what d'you get out of it? I'd be much better off on my own."

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? You must have heard it before. Every married woman says that, and every husband thinks it some time. For some couples it's the staple topic of conversation.

But for several thousand men and women this situation is at this moment a real problem to be faced. Death or divorce has smashed up their marriages, and they've got to start again.

So what do they do? Do they do what they used to call the sensible thing, say good-bye to all that, and start enjoying an independent life, free to do what they like if they can pay for it?

No, sir. No, ma'am. That's not how they feel, and that's not how you'd feel. Instead of that they're just itching to get married again. Sixty-two per cent. of divorced persons remarry, two in three men very soon after the decree is made absolute.

And for people who lose their partners by death—provided they're not very old—the remarrying figure is about the same.

When you're married you may feel tied down, and desperately want to run away. But without a wife, or more especially without a husband, you feel futile, unwanted.

Marriage is a crazy way out by a lot of material standards; but it's catching. Once you start you can't stop.

LOOK at the divorce side of it first. You know the sort of people who get divorced. They say there's a fool in every marriage, there's usually one in a divorce. But the people who can't get along in marriage are pretty keen to try it again, even the back-alley neurotics who keep the divorce court lawyers prosperous.

The divorced men are mostly in the services (22 per cent.), the artistic professions (18 per cent.), the leisured classes (16 per cent.), or commercial travellers (14 per cent.).

Four out of five divorced women marry bachelors. They are usually between twenty-five and thirty-five, and they marry men about the same age.

Are these second marriages happy? It's difficult to say—but how many people do you know who go through the divorce courts twice? Not many, I think.

NOW listen to this letter written by a widow. It will give you some idea of how a lot of people live.

"I'm a widow, living entirely alone, comfortably off, but still the loneliness is terrible to bear.

"I visit friends, which breaks the monotony, but when they've gone, or I've returned once more to the house, I'm nervous and alone. There's a long evening before me; not occasionally, but always, year in year out for nearly seven years."

Plenty of that kind of letter every day.

Plenty of widows and widowers facing loneliness now. Death rates are highest in the first quarter of the year, and the flu epidemic helped them up.

How do widows set about carrying their cross?

Some go gay, like in the music-hall gags. But not many of them shock the neighbours and slip out in saloon bars.

Most look around for what is coyly referred to as Number 2.

Their chances of remarriage are much better than they were.

SINCE 1900 the eligible age of a widow has been lengthened by five years. But they have a lot of troubles. Men think them fair game, and women suspect them of stealing their men.

They must find widowers sympathetic. Rather more than half the widows who get married marry widowers. In 1935, 7,931 married widows, 7,248 married bachelors.

The average widow has a pretty thin time. Not many men leave enough to keep their wives in comfort. They aren't trained for the well-paid jobs. Being able to run a house doesn't mean much in the labour market.

Here is the result of a questionnaire sent to thirty-eight of them asking them to describe themselves and what they did. Seven of them have their own businesses, six others are in jobs. The others have nothing to do but run a half-empty home.

The questionnaire was sent to people of all classes, and if you come to think of it, the result is just about what you'd expect. Look around the wives you know and you'll find about one in three who seems capable of getting and doing a job.

The average widow described herself this way: Brown hair, medium figure, height about five feet four inches, fond of music and the open air. Sounds a bit odd, doesn't it? but that's what they said.

Their ages range from thirty to fifty-seven. The youngest described herself as height five feet three inches, fair complexion, brown hair, medium figure, employed as a lady's help in London.

SHE wants to marry a kind-hearted man, has no objection to a widower with children. But she'll probably marry a bachelor a year younger than herself. Young widows (average age thirty-nine) usually do that, according to the Blue-books.

The oldest one has a medium figure, dresses well, is healthy, likes home and outdoor life, owns an hotel near London. Her ideal: a cheerful, steady man about her own age, with a sufficient income.

But she'll probably marry a widower several years older than herself. Older widows (average age fifty) usually marry widowers five years older than themselves. Young widows have a certain glamour which pulls in the bachelors, but it's wearing a bit thin by the time they get into the fifties.

WIDOWS don't seem to be out for adventure. They want men who are steady, quiet, home-loving, loyal, sincere, cheerful.

They don't seem very fussy, though one of them bars beards, one or two ask for TTs.

That's what they want. Now let's see what they get.

Take a look at the widowers: 24,267 widowers got married in 1935; two out of three of them married spinsters, the rest of them widows.

HERE'S how forty-two widowers replied when they were asked to describe themselves.

They're mostly quiet sort of men, five feet eight inches high. Only ten of them go in for sport, dancing, and a lot of social life. The others mostly describe themselves as steady and home-loving, which ought to suit the widows.

They don't want to marry young girls, they want some one about thirty-five. Only six want their wives to be under thirty, and they are young themselves.

The youngest is thirty-one, with fair complexion, dark brown hair, medium build, athletic, fond of all sport. He is even-tempered, quiet, home-loving. And getting £1,000 a year.

He wants a well-educated, attractive girl, medium height and figure, well dressed, fond of golf, tennis, even-tempered and affectionate.

He's likely to get more or less what he wants. His income is no drawback. And up to forty-six widowers usually marry spinsters.

THE oldest one is a J.P., height five feet ten inches, slim, upright, grey hair, aquiline features, intelligent, alert, youthful manner. He's a good mixer, travelled, tolerant. His £400 a year income is increasing and he wants to meet a healthy and active woman of thirty-five to fifty-five. She must be a good hostess, have a sweet disposition and an income for her own use.

He'll probably get a widow. Elderly widowers (average age fifty-five) usually do.

Anthony Cotterell

MR. PEPYS IN HONGKONG

March 23rd.—This day, being now seven days since my dentist did draw my teeth, I do persuade my chyrurgeon that hee doth discharge mee from the Hospital, after some five weeks, and so, I having more leisure, it seems fitting I should resume writing in my diary and so I doe once more take up my pen. But Lord! Affairs doe seem so parous in Europe that I am in some doubt how far I may continue therein. For this day comes news of the occupation of Memel and what shall come of it all I know not. Home betimes and to my chamber where all seems as before, but the garden is ruined by the fogge which makes mee sad at heart.

24th.—This night to the Queen's Picture House with Mistress Marjory where we doe see the "Citadel." And it is a fine picture but Lord! I doe rejoice not to have seen it before the chyrurgeons did cut mee last year. And there I saw a many of the craft who did, as it seemed, take it somewhat amiss. A long picture and wee dined not until ten of the clock.

25th.—Up betimes but it is an ill day and later the rain falls heavily, so that I must needs go home and so fall to reading by the fire and so early to bed.

26th.—Much fogge and as I walk in the garden I find all ruined save the daffodils and roses which doe pretty well to my great pleasure. But the bulbs of last year doe fall of flowering and I perceive that all must be treated as annuals here. Reading by the fire and again early to bed.

27th.—Reading in the newes sheets this day I doe find little comfort in Signor Mussolini's speech, when he doth declare his belief in arms. And I am minded of the saying that those who take the sword shall perish by the sword. But it is told in history that Dictators can but maintain themselves by martial success as Napoleon did and

as Louis Napoleon did not in the Franco-Russian war. Very busy in my office and so home and to bed.

28th.—All day ordering my papers and after to drink wine with Mr. D. at Wong-Nee Chung and there after to Lycemum where is a rout held by the Officers there, and much good company. There I fell talking with a gentleman who did play in the last venture of the Amateur Dramatic Club, and wee doe speak of plays for the season. But Mr. John being gone I know not who will produce. Home with Mr. Caldwell in his motor coach and did dine with him.

30th.—These last two days very busy with my Dentist and Lord! How I do hate it all. Newes comes. This day comes news that the great ships Canton is in collision with the Felix Roussel but God be praised both ships safe and none hurt. But it seems the Canton was struck amid-ships and must into dock, and it is rumoured that the Chitral will be turned about and take on her passengers and fight. But in truth it seems her fortune is pretty ill as upon her maiden voyage, she did touch the mud in the Thames.

31st.—At last comes news that the war in Spain is over after well nigh three years. And I trust the war-torn country may now get repose, and the Spanish nation find peace again. And all do wait to see if the Italian volunteers doe go home again.

April 1st.—The Canton is come into port with a great rush in her side and to-morrow the Chitral sails for home, the first time I ever doe remember a P. & O. to saile on a Sunday. To Kowloon to see the Recreation play the Navy at Cricket and though they strike pretty ill their two chyrurgeons Mr. H. Ozorio and Mr. E. Gosno doe deliver them, bowling mighty well. This night to the University dinner, where, we, of Cambridge, doe jete mightily with Oxford, wee having won the boat-race. A pleasant dinner but Lord! I doe find none of the younger men doe come forth and sing as their elders doe. Home pretty late, by motor, hackety and so to bed.

2nd.—(Lord's Day)—A strange day, hot and foggy in the forenoon and a great storm of rain at luncheon after the which it grows cold but is clearer. Mistress Daisy to luncheon and after she plays with my godson John David, who approves her mightily. 3rd.—This day my dentist doth sit my teeth and it is I believe a handy piece of craftsmanship as it doth take me some minutes to remove them and then to replace them. But I am mightily glad to find I can hold my tobacco-pipe. To the Temper to take a farewell glass of wine with (Continued on Page 11.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Mind your manners, son—either offer the lady your seat or pretend you're asleep!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

EAST ASIA LEAGUE

Tokyo, Apr. 9. The motion for the organization of an "East Asia Great City League" was unanimously adopted at the conference of 10 Mayors of Japan, Manchukuo, and China on Saturday. A preparatory office for the organization will be established in Tokyo. The Asiatic Municipal League will formally be inaugurated at Tokyo in October, 1940.—Domel.

Italy

Pope's New Peace Appeal

Rome, Apr. 9. Pope Pius XII, after solemn celebration of Easter Mass this forenoon, read in the basilica of St. Peter's an Easter peace message addressed to individuals, peoples and rulers of nations.

The Pope pointed out that to-day tension and excitement reign everywhere in the world and nobody knows whether we were not on the eve of a catastrophe. How can international peace be preserved, he asked, if in every country there is no peace at home, with innumerable men out of work and contrasting their poverty with the luxury of a few selected classes?

How can peace be maintained, he continued, if between nations there is no mutual understanding, no mutual confidence, no goodwill?

The Pope emphasized that justice and peace were inseparable, and that without order within the countries international peace was impossible. His Holiness therefore addressed to all individuals, peoples and rulers of nations this appeal to restore justice and charity in the world.—Trans-Ocean.

Eve of Worse Days

Vatican City, Apr. 9. The Pope said, "A sense of restlessness and discontent agitates the souls of men as if we are on the eve of worse days. In truth, there cannot exist that tranquillity and order which constitutes peace even when the sons of the same land are divided by strife and clashing of party interests."

"When many without employment, bereft of the necessities of life, become an easy prey to subversive doctrines and organizations, there cannot be peace, nor can there be peace if among nations there is lack of mutual understanding, which alone can encourage and impel peoples along the ways of civil progress, or can it exist if solemnly sanctioned pacts and the pledged word have lost that security and value which is the indispensable basis of reciprocal confidence, and without which the desired disarmament, material and moral, becomes with each passing day less possible of realization."

"The remedy against such great evils is the entry into the souls of men of Christ, in whom peace and justice embrace and the fruit of justice is peace."

"Only thus," concluded His Holiness, "will they return to the way of mutual friendly understanding, where just interests will be evaluated by all with goodwill and appreciation, where there will be no shirking of sacrifices for the good of the human family, and where will reign supreme goodwill and exemplary fidelity to the pledged word."—Reuter.

Japan

GOODWILL FLIGHT STARTS

Tokyo, Apr. 9. Carrying gifts from the Emperor and Empress and Japanese Government leaders, to the Crown Prince of Iran on the occasion of the wedding, the goodwill flight of the Japanese Aviation Corporation took off from the Haneda International Airport in the outskirts of Tokyo at 7.13 a.m. (Tokyo time) to-day, on a goodwill flight to Tehran.

The plane will reach Tahok, capital of Taiwan, this afternoon to conclude the first lap of its flight. A ceremony was held on Friday afternoon at the Haneda aerodrome to christen the goodwill plane in the presence of high officials of the Imperial Household Ministry, the Foreign War, and Navy Ministries, and other Government officials.

Mr. Suehiko Shiono, the Minister of Communications, christened the plane "Soyokaze". The plane will fly from Tokyo to Tahok, Canton, Bangkok, Calcutta, Zaphur, Karachi, Basra, and Baghdad.

Extraordinary care will be taken by the crew on the flight so as to prevent a cherry tree in full bloom

The Latest European Crisis

ALBANIA IS SUBDUED: YUGO-SLAVIA MAY BE NEXT VICTIM

Albania, on the east side of the Adriatic Sea, has been taken under the control of Italy. Little resistance was offered to the invaders, who occupied Tirana, the capital, and other cities at the week-end.

The invasion has shocked the entire civilized world and there was considerable diplomatic activity in the chancelleries of Europe. The British Cabinet assembled while Mr. Chamberlain, who was holidaying in Scotland, hurried back to London. The move was not surprising but the occupation is treated as a most serious alteration in the European situation.

French circles foreshadow German action in Yugo-Slavia as the next move of the Dictator nations.

Moslems throughout the world are indignant at the invasion of a peaceful Moslem country. The aggression is described as the act of savages and like the invasions of barbarians.

The Press of Italy and Germany approve of the action of Mussolini. Papers in Rome claim that troops were sent to defend Italians against violence in Albania. Germany is said to be solidly behind Rome.

Yugo-Slavia is said to be prepared for a united resistance to any Italian thrust at her through Albania.

The invasion is condemned in the United States where it is suggested that an arms embargo may be enforced against Italy.

Britain and Poland are prepared to enter into a reciprocal pact to replace the present temporary assurances given to Poland.

Germany is said to be strengthening her garrisons on the Polish border.

Paris, Apr. 9. The events which occurred in Tirana prior to the Italian occupation are described in *Le Journal* to-day, which states that King Zog before leaving the Albanian capital freed and armed the convicts who promptly looted the Royal palace, as well as other residences.

Early on Saturday morning some of the Albanian police officers under Italian command restored order, arrested the marauders, and reopened the regular post, telegraph and telephone services. Shortly afterwards high Albanian officials and Albanian journalists got in touch with the Italian Legation and assured the *Cherche d'Affaires* that the sound-minded part of the Albanian population sided fully with Italy.

Le Jour declares this morning in connection with these events that the Germans in Czechoslovakia and the Italians in Albania seemed to have been able to count on accomplices within the countries. The paper considers it strange that as the first reaction the Albanian population at Tirana on hearing news of the Italian landing did not burn down the Italian Legation.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH GUARANTEE TO GREECE

London, Apr. 9. The diplomatic correspondents of the Sunday papers declare that the Cabinet will have to decide by April 10 whether to guarantee Greece against unprovoked aggression.

The *Sunday Express* states it is believed that if a guarantee is given it might include occupation by Britain of Corfu as a "confidence" gesture.—Reuter.

No Landing Yet

London, Apr. 9. The Admiralty states that there is no truth in the reports circulating abroad that British naval units have landed at Corfu.—Reuter.

Serious Consequences

London, Apr. 9. The Italian occupation of Albania is being treated in London as a most serious alteration in the European situation, says the diplomatic correspondent of the *Sunday Times*.

One of the most serious consequences is the blow dealt to Italian good faith. The question arises whether the British Government should denounce the Anglo-Italian Agreement on the ground that it has been violated. Such a step would be taken in London with the greatest reluctance.

A more urgent matter is the maintenance of Greek and Turkish independence. Both countries are gravely perturbed by the Italian occupation and by the concentration of Italian troops in Rhodes and the Dodecanese Islands between Turkey and Greece.

Responsible quarters in London, the correspondent continues, are of the opinion that any attack against Greece would bring Britain to her assistance. The British Cabinet may be called to take final decision on the question when it meets.—Reuter.

Statesmen Confer

London, Apr. 9. A discussion on the international situation began shortly after Mr. Chamberlain's return to London this morning.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, saw the Greek Minister at the Foreign Office and then had half an hour's conversation with Mr. Chamberlain at No. 10 Downing Street.

The French Ambassador, M. Corbin, called at the Foreign Office at the wedding of the Iranian Crown Prince.

The donor is afraid that because the plane flies through the tropical zone the buds will come out before they reach the Iranian capital, and asked the pilots to keep them in the darkest and coolest corner of the cabin.—Domel.

The First Leg

Tokyo, Apr. 9. The "goodwill" monoplane Soyokaze (Zephyr) of the Japan Aviation Corporation arrived at Tahoku from Tokyo at 3.12 p.m. to-day en route to Tehran.

Leaving Tokyo at 7.13 a.m., the plane completed its first lap in seven hours 59 minutes. It leaves Tahoku on Monday morning on its second lap to Bangkok.—Domel.

Mr. Chamberlain may receive some ministers to-day. A Cabinet meeting has been fixed for to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

GREECE DISPLEASED

The Italian invasion is regarded with disfavour in Athens where a meeting of the Greek Cabinet was called immediately after the landing of Italian troops.

A Reuter report from London says that Switzerland, Greece and Yugo-Slavia have followed the example of the Netherlands in ordering partial mobilisation.

NEXT MOVE MAY BE SEEN IN YUGO-SLAVIA

Paris, Apr. 9. As Mussolini's seizure of Albania is the thrust of a dagger into the heart of the Balkans the Chancelleries of Europe believe it will be Hitler's turn for the next move by the Dictator with the backing of Yugo-Slavia regarded as the most likely objective.

Caught between Italy and Germany within the Adriatic, Prince Paul's Government is now expected to be subjected to pressure similar to that exercised by the Nazis on the Sudetenland prior to obliterating Czechoslovakia from the map. The Nazis will not have much difficulty in manoeuvring with the Croats in a similar fashion to the Sudets.

It is thought, however, that if Hitler is not anxious to be openly accused of agitation to split the Yugo-Slav Kingdom he will be able to operate through Hungary, with Budapest reviving claims for the return of Croatia. As France has washed her hands of the Albanian affair because not even indirect pacts are involved, the faith of the shaken democracies is now pinned on London in the hope that Mr. Chamberlain will follow Mr. Anthony Eden's policy to evolve a rapid procedure either by a new attempt to line up all nations or by immediate prescription measures throughout Britain.

The French would not be surprised if Mr. Chamberlain decided to denounce the Anglo-Italian Pact, but this is a gesture which will not frighten Mussolini, who has already reaped all the advantages of the pact, including recognition of the Italian Empire, while he has broken most of the pledges in the Pact, such as the promise to evacuate the Balearics, and the agreement to reduce Italy's military strength in Libya.—United Press.

Services Heads Confer

Paris, Apr. 9. M. Daladier, French Prime Minister, M. Camille, French Naval Minister, M. La Chambre, French Air Minister, and General Gamelin, Chief of the French General Staff, are meeting this afternoon.—Reuter.

Temporary Government

Rome, Apr. 9. To safeguard peace and order in Albania, and to take over the administration of the country in place of the former Albanian Government, Il Duce has appointed a provisional administration committee for Albania.

This committee, according to Rome papers, has issued a proclamation to the Albanian people, as well as all Albanian military and civil authorities, asking them to obey the Italian instructions. In particular all prefects, sub-prefects, mayors and municipal authorities have been ordered to take immediately all measures necessary for the safety of the Italian troops.

General Valle, Under-Secretary of State of the Air Force, left Tirana to-day by air for Rome.—Trans-Ocean.

Entry on Tuesday

Rome, Apr. 9. A representative of *Trans-Ocean* learns from a best-informed source that Il Duce will leave for Tirana on Tuesday and not Sunday, as originally surmised.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, is now at Tirana making the necessary preparations for the visit.

It is considered unlikely that prior to the arrival of Signor Mussolini any official statement will be made on the future constitutional relationship between Italy and Albania.—Trans-Ocean.

China

British Mediation Denied

Shanghai, Apr. 9. Well informed quarters here understand that Britain is making efforts to mediate in the Sino-Japanese war. They say success possibly depends on the outcome of Mr. Sun Fo's mission to Moscow and on future neutrality legislation in the United States.

The British Ambassador to Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, returned to Japan this morning after a mysterious "vacation trip" to Shanghai, during which he has been in conference at least twice with the local Japanese authorities as well as with the British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark-Kerr.

Sir Archibald is sailing for Hongkong to-night. Unconfirmed reports say he is carrying the Japanese terms for peace, which were brought from Tokyo by Sir Robert Craigie.—United Press.

Peace Talk Quashed

Shanghai, Apr. 9. The British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, left for Hongkong on board the B. and S. steamer Talyuan en route to Chungking this morning.

The British Ambassador in Japan, Sir Robert Craigie, and Lady Craigie, sailed for Japan in the Teikoku Maru.

Sir Robert Craigie, in a statement before his departure for Japan, said: "I had always promised myself I would pay at least one visit to Shanghai during my term of office in Japan. Most of my predecessors passed through Shanghai on their way to Japan. I came via Canada, and thus have had no previous opportunity to visit Shanghai."

"I can state categorically that my visit had no political significance and was in no sense a mission."

"It had no connection with Sir Archibald's intended visit to Chungking, which was arranged independently."—Reuter.

China May Consider

Shanghai, Apr. 9. Although Chinese officials have not shown any inclination to accept the Japanese terms for peace such as Germany made an effort to present prior to the fall of Nanjing, nevertheless, informed circles understood that China is probably not reluctant at least to consider the latest Japanese offers.

Some circles believe that China has informed the Soviets that, unless a greater amount of direct military aid is forthcoming immediately, China must seriously consider an early peace which would be most unfavourable to the Soviets. Consequently, the outcome of Mr. Sun Fo's visit to Moscow may be decisive.

It is noteworthy that thus far the Washington developments for the revision of the neutrality legislation have shown nothing which China might regard as encouraging.—United Press.

Chungking Opinion

Chungking, Apr. 9. The *Sao Tang Pao*, an Army organ, in editorial comment said that the conversation between Sir Robert Craigie and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr centred on safe-guarding British interests in China and maintaining Britain's political, economic and military positions in the Far East. Their meeting was natural outcome of the Japanese closing of the China door and the Japanese expulsion of third Power interests from China.

The paper suggested the following: 1. Britain and France should carry out their aid to China in accordance with resolutions of the League of Nations.—Reuter.

2. Britain, France, Netherlands and Portugal should convolve a "Pacific Territorial Defence Conference" at which questions on commercial reciprocity and military assistance should be mapped out and the United States should naturally be invited to the party.

3. Britain and France should adopt economic retaliation against Japan.

4. Britain, France, and Soviet Russia should effect close collaboration in the Far East.—United Press.

EXTRA THUMB

Geneva, N.Y. An extra thumb is a handy thing, believes Harvey Zerkins, Seneca Lake farmer. He should know, because he has three of them. He says that the two thumbs on his left hand give him additional speed in performing tasks about his farm. As for hitch-hiking, he hasn't tried that.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? wrong! satisfactory! direct! disqualification! disruption! English! Oxford! Dictionary! spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

MISSION TO CHINA

Tokyo, Apr. 9. The Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry has organized an economic mission to inspect economic developments in North and Central China and the Mongolian Frontier. The party will leave Tokyo on or about April 25.—Domel.

China War

Japanese Raiders Shot Down

Kwangtung Battles

Shanghai, Apr. 9. Chinese reports say that a squadron of Japanese planes yesterday bombed Yunnanfu, provincial capital of Yunnan, without severe damage due to the fact that Chinese pursuit planes took the air and shot down two Japanese bombers and dispersed the rest before they reached the city proper.—United Press.

Central News adds that three villagers, including two women, were killed and four others wounded.

Second Attack

Kunming, Apr. 9. Unfavourable weather frustrated an attempt of eight Japanese planes to raid Kunming shortly after noon to-day. The machines flew as far as the Kwangsi-Yunnan border when they were forced to turn back.

An air raid alarm was sounded in Kunming when the machines were reported heading for the provincial capital.—Central News.

A message received by the local office of the Church Missionary Society states that no members of the mission were injured in the raid.

Tungshang Raided

Tungshang, Kiangsi, Apr. 9. Tungshang, 63 miles south-east of Nanchang was raided by three Japanese planes last Friday. More than 20 bombs were dropped, demolishing a building of the district government. Japanese planes raided Shangyao in east Kiangsi yesterday. They dropped 30 bombs.

Some 50 corpses have so far been exhumed and about 50 persons have been wounded. Over 200 houses were wrecked.—Central News.

CHEKIANG DESTRUCTION

Shanghai, Apr. 9. Chinese reports state that four Japanese planes conducted a series of raids on Kihnuh, Chekiang, yesterday, dropping 45 bombs, including incendiary bombs, into the densely populated streets. The bombs hit several schools killing 43 civilians and injuring 200 of them. It is said that 114 buildings were destroyed.—United Press.

Japanese Losses

Shikoku, Apr. 9. Before their retreat from Kiangsu the Japanese set fire to many houses. During the past few days fighting at Kiangsu and Sunwei nearly 900 Japanese were killed, including one commander. One hundred Japanese were taken prisoner.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Japanese Denial

Canton, Apr. 9. A Japanese army spokesman has denied the Chinese counter-attack and aerial activities in Kwangtung saying that Kiangsu was captured by the Japanese on March 31 and it is still in Japanese hands. He added: "The Japanese Army forces may abandon unnecessary points as the case may be, but it is impossible for them to beat a retreat. There has never been any occasion when Japanese troops have been beaten back by Chinese irregulars."—Domel.

Japanese on Defence

Shikoku, Apr. 9. While Chinese reports claim that Chinese troops have advanced as far as Tolan just a few miles north of the Shekcheng arsenal within striking distance from Canton, it is learned here that the Japanese will make every effort to hold Canton. Japanese reverses in Kiangsu and Paklai are due to the transfer of some of the troops to defend Canton.

The Japanese in Canton depend on the recently completed defence works to hold the Chinese counter-offensive, while the infantry are said to be the crack units back there on relief after seeing much service in Yungchal, Kweichow and Kiangsu.

It is reported that Japanese poison gas corps will be used in the coming (Continued on Page 5.)

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LOCAL CRICKET BECOMES MUCH TOO STEREOTYPED

"WANTS MORE THAN REFORM: WANTS REVOLUTION"

(By "R. Abbot")

On Saturday last the K.C.C. second eleven evidently decided that so dull a season had better die right off and by beating the Police made themselves sure of the second Division Shield by at least half a point. The game, which is to be described by another hand, is reminiscent of the deciding match in the first Division. Both were extraordinarily low scoring matches, and Kowloon's one hundred and four was the only three figure innings of the four played out. It was typical of the run of cricket at present.

It would appear, however, that there is more keen vitality displayed in the second Division. The Police, whose defeat on Saturday relegated them to fifth place have the distinction of showing a record of nine matches all completed. It is good work to get along with cricket in that definite way. Had they won their last match they would only have been beaten by the University. And that reminds me, I sincerely hope that the one outstanding game in the second Division between the Navy and the Varsity will be played on Saturday next. It will give the latter the honourable position of runner-up, only half a point behind the winners. If we count the match with the L.C.C. as a tie.

There also remains the game between the Civil Service and Army to be played, and upon this depends their respective placings in the first Division. I should like to see it played out but as I hear rumours of a game between the two sides, I suppose it will fill the gap. Personally I have always thought this a particularly stupid game. There is no real interest in it as the Rest side is not a "team" at all, and, as often as not, quite unrepresentative of the strength of the rest of the Colony. Personally I would prefer to see the final game between the main-land and the Island, residential qualifications to count and using the ordinary inter-club rules of eligibility. Possibly if the game became popular, caps might be awarded, though I am not very much in favour of this.

INTERPRET MATCHES

And this leads up to my main point and that is the urgent necessity for the re-formation of inter-club matches. Of course, cricket should be a good enough sport in itself and not necessarily require the spur of competition. But that is, in these days and in this place, a counsel of perfection. You cannot get away from it that cricket is not played under the best conditions here. The time is too short, for our days close down and you do at home where it is often possible to play to seven-thirty. (Mem: that whatever its drawbacks "summer time" here would be a godsend to cricket.) Then again the weather is not so pleasant as in England—though admittedly that can be pretty blood-curdling. The wickets out here too are not particularly good. This does not matter to most of us but it does put off the really good batsman and I can think of good many who have come out here in the past twenty years and have lost a good deal of enthusiasm for the game.

COUNTER ATTRACTIONS

But of all the difficulties which face cricket the fact that it has to compete with football (and sailing) during its season presents the greatest. It so often happens that a really useful and keen Club Cricketer comes out and finds in October that he has to make the choice between Rugger (or Soccer less frequently) and cricket. If he is young he almost certainly plumps for Rugger and I should be the last to say that he is wrong. But the trouble is that three or four seasons of Rugger get him out of cricket and he either turns to golf or takes his cricket in a very casual way. I can think of some horrible exceptions and I think of some horrible examples. Of course, it must not be forgotten that—sad as it is—cricket does not seem to take the same hold on the young Englishman as it used to do. When he has left school he can always get a game of tennis close at hand, usually with attractive female society. And he does not want to take the fog to travel often long distances in strictly bachelor society to get his cricket. What the young generation is now I don't know. But taking it by and large after the war the bright youth who played tennis and liked to have his tea brought to him by an adoring boy of attractive maidens was far too common. As a war product I think he has dropped out. But his successors don't play cricket as much or as keenly as when I was a youngster.

TOO STEREOTYPED

Finally, there is one point. As times go on the local cricketer is coming more and more to the fore and, though his cricket is alright, he is not yet, except in a few cases, an administrator. Nor is he entirely beyond requiring a little sage advice now and then. I do not say this in any deprecating way, but I think that cricketers want to be much better organized than they are. It is becoming rather too stereotyped. For instance I think I am right in saying that in

Von Cramm Wins Tennis Title

Alexandria, Apr. 9.
Baron Gottfried von Cramm, German tennis ace, to-day won the Egyptian singles championship when he beat W. D. McNeill of America in the final by 7-5, 6-2, 6-8, 6-2.
The women's title went to Miss Curtis of Great Britain, who beat Miss J. R. Harman of Ireland in the final by 6-2, 6-4.—Reuter.

The last quarter of a century only four names have appeared as captains of the H.K.C.C. Very worthy ones of course. But there you are. The only hope for cricket that I can see is in the League Committee. It wants more than reform; it wants revolution. It reminds me of some creature which my natural history primer taught me used to come up so breathe once a year—I forget the name, and perhaps it is as well. All I can say is that I sincerely hope that the Committee will hold several "open" meetings and discuss publicly this question of League fixtures, and all other arrangements. I give them full credit for this year's attempt. But I should have felt happier about it had I not known that they never even consulted the Navy, who with the Army are more concerned than anyone else. Let us thresh things out.

"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

(By "Captain Foster")

There are ten races down for to-day's meeting and my selections are as follows:

EASTER STAKES

Rose Elect
King's Warden
Bear Claw

CALLIPE HANDICAP

Vixen Tor
Derby Day
Criffel

KELLET HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Rose Jane
Jennifer
Musketier

BOA VISTA HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Sylvandale
Flybynight
Valorous

COOLGARDIE STAKES

Murrumbidgee
A Roaring Time
National Victory

KELLET HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

King's Lead
Scania View
Rose-Queen

SUGAR LOAF STAKES

Kut Cheung
Talkative
Charcoal

CADRAMATTA HANDICAP

A Great Time
Murray River
Stratherrick

BOA VISTA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Golden Cow
This Time
Racing Boy

POKFULAM STAKES

Sports Venture
Smiling Time
Millcay

DAILY DOUBLE EVENT

Murrumbidgee/Kut Cheung



After their horse had thrown them during the Grand National, two amateur riders, Captain P. Herbert and Mr. A. Marsh, climbed on to the back of Scotch Wood, Captain Herbert's mount, and rode home. Captain Herbert riding pillion. Red Hillman's jockey, E. Foley, a brother in grief, took his place at his horse's head, and the procession ended its mournful way homeward from Becher's Brook.

KOWLOON JUNIORS WORTHY CHAMPIONS: WIN DECIDING GAME

THE winning of the junior cricket league by Kowloon Cricket Club for the second time in three years, was accomplished on Saturday after one of the most interesting and colourful games of the season. The champions beat the Police at Happy Valley by 29 runs, after themselves losing five wickets for a paltry 15 runs.

The match was a personal achievement for W. L. McKenzie, one of the season's most successful all-round players. McKenzie followed up his glorious fighting knock of 32 with some ace bowling which carried the visitors to victory, and brought for himself the excellent analysis of 5 for 30 in 11.4 overs.

Before play began, the setting was perfect for a dramatic championship. K.C.C. headed the table with 16 points from eight matches. Police held 15 points from the same number of games. An outright win for the visitors meant title; if the Police won it would mean a "draw" in the championship, as the University would have required to win their final game against the Navy to displace the Police.

On a fast matting wicket, the Police, winning the toss, quite naturally went in to bat, and made an immediate and dramatic success came their way. In Fay's opening over he had Broadbridge given out for obstruction, though the decision appeared highly doubtful, and then he clean bowled Madar with a fast yorker. Mulcahy gathered five and then went to another speedy yorker from Fay. Goodbar went in and out, and just as Lay appeared to be shaping well, he was deceived by Pope's swift yorker and five wickets were down for 15 runs.

It looked as though the Police were to enjoy their easiest victory of the season.

RECOVERY

But with McKenzie and Gray associated, a gradual change came over the game. McKenzie played a dead bat to the accurate and good length deliveries of Pope and Fay, while Gray shaped with plenty of confidence, using his feet to "kill" the better length balls, and scoring off the loose ones. Very slowly the score was taken to the 50 mark, and then Gray made a poor stroke to a half volley from Carey and was well caught by Pope at cover-point. His knock of 17 was a useful contribution in taking away the sting from the Police attack, which for the first five overs had been deadly keen.

McKenzie continued to play right cricket and quite rightly made no attempt to rush things. He found a good helpmate in Taylor, and when McKenzie was finally bowled by Stephens he had scored 32, and had seen the total advance to past the 50 mark.

The visitors' tall continued to wag vigorously. Dand going in to collect an invaluable 14 in quick time, including five from an overthrow, and finally the innings closed for a fairly respectable score of 104.

POPE OVERWORKED

Although the Police attack was splendid, Pope was obviously overworked. He bowled one spell of 15 overs, and although he was highly effective at the start, he naturally tired and became vulnerable. Used in shorter spells he might have taken fewer wickets than 3 for 52.

Fay bowled brilliantly in his first spell, maintaining an ideal length, and coming off the pitch at lightning speed.

But Carey was the most successful bowler from the point of view of figures, his three wickets costing only seven runs. He bowled four maidens out of seven overs. But one could not help feeling he was a little fatigued. Two of his strokes from bad balls, and lots of loose ones on the leg side which begged to be hit to the boundary were allowed to go harmlessly to the wicketkeeper.

On the face of it Police were sitting pretty when, with the better part of two hours at their disposal, they found it was necessary to score

but 105 to win. On a small ground, and in view of the fact that the visitors were without their two pace bowlers—Luke and Simpson, the task appeared to be well within their province. A confident start was made by Carey and Loughlin, but the former was tempted to hit wildly to a length ball from McKenzie and was well taken by Madar at cover with the total at seven. Clarke and Loughlin started to dig themselves in, but just as the latter looked like making some runs he fell to a smart piece of stumping by Dand.

SERIOUS REVERSE

The second wicket fell at 20, but then the Police suffered their really serious reverse. Fay, whose batting has been a feature this season, faced Loy who had been brought on for Taylor and was utterly beaten by the third ball, playing back too late to one that went through quickly. Clarke went next, well beaten by one of McKenzie's best deliveries, and by this time the game was very open.

However, Stephens and Pope became associated and at one stage really looked as though they would pull the game round for the homesters. Stephens shaped extremely well and off-drove McKenzie, while Pope turned the left-hand bowler to leg for four. The half century was hoisted, and then Stephens fell a victim to a brilliant ball from McKenzie.

Hunter and Oakley both went cheaply, and as soon as Pope had been clean bowled by Taylor was left that kept very low and just took the off peg. It was clear that the match was all over but the shouting.

McKenzie polished off the innings by taking the last two wickets, and (Continued on Page 9.)

SOUTH CHINA "A" WIN SENIOR SHIELD ONCE AGAIN

Police Unlucky to Lose By 5-3 Margin

(By "Abe")

When the Police led 2-0 at one stage of the Senior Shield Final against South China "A" on the Club ground on Saturday, there must have been a great many people who saw visions of a surprising upset. I was one of them.

Not because of the Police lead, but rather because of the manner in which the Chinese were playing. The tenacious methods employed by the officers of the law succeeded in unsettling the usually smooth combination of the Chinese to an extent which few had expected, and it only the defence had been a trifle steadier, the Police might have come out of the game winners instead of losers by 5-3.

Several factors contributed to the haphazard form of the Chinese in the early stages of the encounter. First, Pau Ka-ping, in goal, had a bad knock, and the situation was made worse by Lee Tin-sang putting the ball through his own goal.

Over a period of 15 years, I am told, Lee Tin-sang has never been known to score against his own side; yet he had to open the account in a Shield Final.

The absence of Mak Siu-hon from his usual position at right back forced the Chinese to play Lee on the right and to bring Lee Kwok-wai in at left back. But the move was never a success. Lee was uncomfortable on the right and played far below his usual form.

Then Pau fumbled a slow shot and Fan Kwun-choi, following up, had only to put the ball into an unattended goal.

POLICE TWO UP

Two goals up after 20 minutes' play! Who would not have fancied the Police chances?

Though fairness compels one to admit that both these goals were the result of defensive errors, yet during all this while the Police were on top of their opponents.

Luck, however, took a hand in the game at this stage. The Chinese were obviously worried and with their confidence shaken, they did not look impressive at all. But they defended stoutly, albeit deservingly, and kept the Police forwards at bay. Then rather against the run of play, Wang King-cheung worked his way through to reduce the arrears with a one cross shot. To add to the Police tale of woe, North handled the ball

in the penalty area, and Lai Shiu-wing scored from the spot-kick. The scores were level.

In the second half, the Police half-backs were not as steady as they had been in the first. Passes which had been intercepted before now found their way with greater regularity, and with the two Chinese wingers taking a more intense interest in the game, the Police defenders were given a gruelling time. But the backs remained steadfast, and Blackbourne was responsible for some splendid work.

POLICE LOSE DASH

At this stage, however, it was evident that whilst the Chinese were gradually settling down, the Police had lost a bit of their dash. Had Howlett's goal been allowed, there might have been a difference in the morale of the side; but he was ruled off-side.

Then the Chinese went ahead, a pass from Lee Yan-leung finding Lai Shiu-wing unmarked and the latter scored. But the Police came back again with the best goal of the match, Wong Man-kai taking a first-time shot which beat Pau all the way.

Though the issue was in doubt, the Chinese went further. In the lead, Lee Yan-leung taking advantage of an error by Chan Kwong-yue to slip through to beat McHardy. Tang Kwong-sum made the match safe for the Chinese in the closing stages, his free-kick outside the penalty being deflected into the Police goal.

On the day's play, the Police did not deserve to lose by the margin of 5-3. For long periods they were on top.

The standard of football, however, was rather poor on the whole. There was too much kick and rush about the play for the match to earn the approval of the purist, but there is no denying that it was exciting.

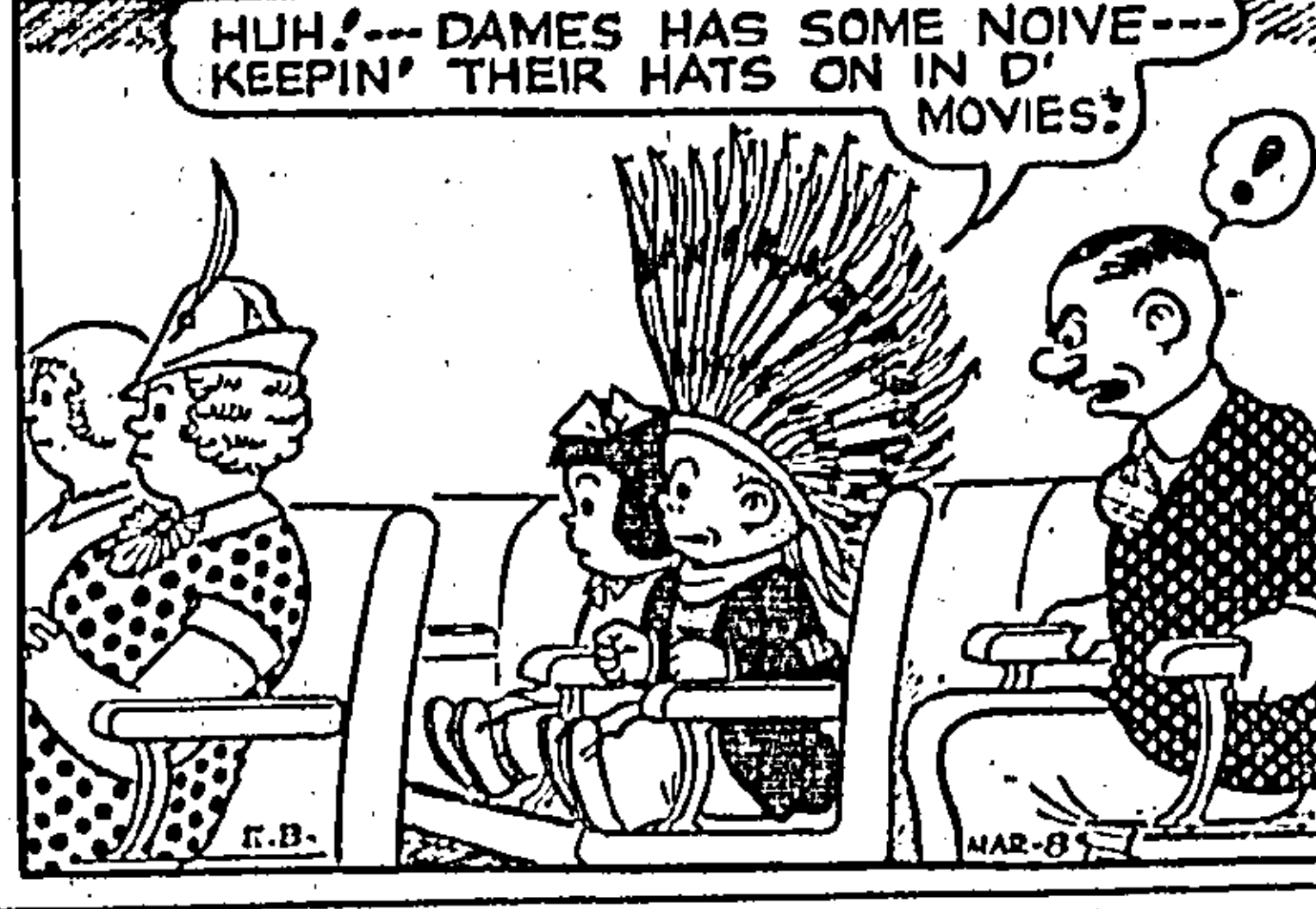
Police. — McHardy, Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yue, North, Brittain, Parker, Wong Man-kai, Howlett, Fan Kwun-choi, Ferrier, Moss.

South China "A". — Pau Ka-ping; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai, Kwok Yung-ki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Yung-choi, Tang Kwong-sum, Lee Yan-leung, Tang King-cheung, Lai Shiu-wing, Lau Tau-man.



An exciting incident in front of the Police goal in the Senior Shield Final match on Saturday when South China "A" defeated the guardians of the peace by five goals to three. McHardy, the Police custodian, jumps out to clear in fine style, harassed by a Chinese forward.—Staff Photographer.

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CAREFUL CHECK

"People write to me," he said, "telling me how grateful they were for those four tickets I sold them for the Final four years ago. Then they ask for four more. A check-up of the list four years ago shows that I never sold them any tickets at all!"

KOWLOON SECONDS TRIUMPH

(Continued from Page 8.)

with them the winning of the league by the K.C.C. for the second time.

White, perhaps, the Police batting was a trifle disappointing. It would be idle to pretend that McKenzie, Taylor and Lay did not bowl exceedingly well. McKenzie, for the most part, maintained an impeccable length, and his only shortcoming was an inclination to bowl on the leg side. But while he was able to pitch on the middle and off he had to be watched very closely, and for several of the batsmen, was unplayable.

WORTHY CHAMPIONS
Taylor gave him first-class support from the other end, and did not send down more than three loose balls, while Lay, used very judiciously by Mulcahy, obtained two valuable wickets.

K.C.C. fielding was keen and little was given away. Only one catch was dropped—a hard chance by Pope to Dand behind the stumps. But the

Racing Handicaps For To-day

The following are the handicaps arranged by the Hongkong Jockey Club for the events at Happy Valley to-day:

Easter Stakes Handicap. One Mile.—Bear Claw (143), Eve of Harvest (140), King's Warden (148), Moonlight View (140), Rose Elect (158) and Royal Scot (140).

Note.—If "Rose Elect" does not accept, the following weights will apply:

Bear Claw (156), Eve of Harvest (148), King's Warden (161), Moonlight View (140) and Royal Scot (140).

Kellett Handicap. "C" Class. (First Section). One Mile.—Blue Diamond (155), Celtic Star (151), English Cavalier (161), Forgotten Star (161), Galveston Boy (158), Jennifer (160), King Kong (148), Lovely Lady (151), Marksman (barred), Musketeer (152), Rose Emily (158), Rose Evelyn (155), Rose Jane (158) and Tyne (140).

Kellett Handicap. "C" Class. (Second Section). One Mile.—Amberley (153), Bistre (150), Bright View (156), Gold Coin (140), King's View (153), Laughing Girl (153), Night View (140), Rose-Queen (148), Scenic View (159) and Wild Cat (140).

Boa Vista Handicap. "D" Class. (First Section). From the two mile post, once round and in.—Advancing Time (161), Chatterbox (148), Double (141), Doves (150), Ebony (147), Flyby-night (143), Gold Sovereign (143), Jangle Jim (161), Plain View (142), Portrush (155), Royal Highness (145), Strathbannock (161), Sylvandale (160) and Valorous (162).

Boa Vista Handicap. "D" Class. (Second Section). From the two mile post, once round and in.—Fel Yng (146), Golden Cow (163), Good Morning (150), Racing Boy (150), Silver Star (150), Starlet (153), Tabby Cat (140), Tempest (150), This Time (163), Tribute (barred) and Willynilly (150).

fact that seven batsmen were clean bowled indicates that the bowlers could not be hit very much. K.C.C. will not be denied the value of their success. Although a rather mediocre looking side before the league programme started, they became an impressive team in January, and from the start figured prominently in the contest for the championship. They wound the programme up in dazzling fashion, winning the last three matches, and they are the only team to have gone through the league schedule without suffering defeat.

Mulcahy's able captaincy, backed by resolute team spirit, and the ability of one or another of the players to "come off" enabled the Kowloon eleven to come from behind and win the shield in the face of keen competition.

Bowls

C. B. HOSKING HONOURED AT KOWLOON B. G. C.

A happy function took place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday, when Mr. C. B. Hosking, the popular honorary secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, was the recipient of a farewell gift from the Association. He was presented with a set of new woods.

The presentation was made by Dr. J. T. Smalley, Vice-President of the Lawn Bowls Association, who was introduced to the gathering by Mr. S. M. White, Secretary of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Mr. White welcomed Dr. Smalley, and said they were all glad to see him recovered from his recent accident.

Dr. Smalley thanked Mr. White for his kind words, and before making the presentation, wished all the bowls teams in the different leagues a very happy season.

He said that the gift was a token of the deep gratitude of the Association for all Mr. Hosking had done during the past four years in his capacity as honorary secretary of the Association (Applause). Mr. Hosking had had a very busy year, especially last year, when Shanghai paid the Colony a visit. The secretary's job at any time was a thankless task, and Dr. Smalley thanked Mr. R. P. Phillips for taking up the secretaryship.

He hoped that the woods would remind Mr. Hosking of his friends in the Colony.

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HONGKONG LADIES' HOCKEY INTERPORT TEAM WIN MATCHES

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

Hongkong women's Interport hockey team secured their third success in the annual hockey series against the Shanghai Women's Hockey Association at Kiaschow Park to-day when they won by four clear goals, after dominating the second half of the encounter.

Hongkong's superiority in nearly all departments of the game was most marked. Though Shanghai attacked furiously in the second half, they lacked a final punch.

Hongkong's defence was excellent, and they repeatedly broke up Shanghai attacks with first time methods, Miss I. Woolley, at centre-half, proving a tower of strength, receiving excellent support from her wing halves Mrs. I. Stone and Miss H. Reid.

An outstanding feature of the play was the fine stickwork of the visiting team, who were also faster on the ball, and backed up by their splendid half-backs, they made the most of their opportunities in the closing stages, despite added pressure by the home eleven.

Hongkong's First Goal
In the 27th minute of the first half, Miss Barker placed the Colony in the lead when she slipped a ball from a short corner to score through a crowd of players.

Play was very close and thrilling, but Hongkong's better stickwork and faster tackling and running made them a superior combination.

Mrs. Dalziel increased the score for Hongkong in the fourth minute of the second half, when the ball rebounded off the Shanghai goalkeeper's pads.

Spectators were given their biggest thrill, however, in the 13th minute of the second half when Mrs. Burnett, Hongkong's right-winger, took the ball through the Shanghai defence from the halfway mark to net a glorious goal.

Hongkong crowded on the pressure, and 11 minutes later Miss Westcott, probably the fastest left-winger playing hockey in the China, took the ball through the Shanghai defence from the halfway mark to net a glorious goal.

Reuter says that Mrs. Reid, one of the surprise selections of the Colony team, scored two of the goals.

REST OF SHANGHAI
Shanghai, Apr. 9.
The Hongkong ladies' hockey team beat the Rest of Shanghai by four goals to two to-day. The half time score was two nil in favour of Shanghai.

Hongkong recovered early in the second half, keeping the play always in the Shanghai half. Miss Barker scored twice for Hongkong, and Mrs. Reid the remaining two goals, coming a few minutes before the final whistle.—Reuter.

United Press adds that Hongkong made a brilliant rally in the second half with a series of powerful onslaughts, resulting in Miss Barker and Mrs. Reid scoring four goals between them. Scorers for Shanghai were Amanda da Silva and Irene Orhnerger.

RESULTS TO DATE
1934-35 Hongkong 1-0
1935-36 Hongkong 1-0
1936-37 Drawn 2-2
After extra time:
The following players have scored goals in the Ladies' Interport hockey series:
For Hongkong:
Miss Marie Smith ("Y" Ladies) 2
Miss M. Woolley (C.B.A. Ladies) 1
Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's) 1
For Shanghai:
Miss M. Sheridan (Greens) 2

indebted to him, these tokens of their regard and remembrance of happy times together in the Kowloon Bowling Green Club." (Applause).

Mr. Hosking expressed his thanks for the gifts in a brief and humorous reply, and said that despite all Mr. Robson had said of his leaving the Colony for good, he hoped, if he could "wangle" it, to be back in Hongkong in 1941.

Prior to the presentation, a farewell bowls match in honour of Mr. Hosking was played between clubs organised by Mr. Hosking and Mr. Robson respectively, and resulted in a win for Mr. Hosking's club by a wide margin.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)
woollen—worshipful—disqualification
disatisfactory—dissect—disruption

Kowloon Club Narrowly Beat Happy Valley

The annual meeting between the Kowloon Golf Club and the Happy Valley team played on the Kowloon Course resulted in a narrow victory for Kowloon by 16½ to 15 points. The issue was in doubt to the last game, which was decided on the 18th Green. Details are as follows:

SINGLES
Kowloon Happy Valley
W. R. K. Collings 1½ W. J. S. Key 1
E. F. Fincher 1½ L. Goldmann 1
A. J. Dennis 1½ W. Sharp 1
W. S. Jullier 1½ J. W. Macdonald 1
A. Eastman 1½ J. D. Humphreys 1
W. V. Ahern 1½ W. F. Barnes 1½
F. C. Barry 1½ D. Forbes 1½
J. D. Thompson 1½ T. Low 1½
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SOFTBALL MATCHES AT EASTER

The following were the results of softball matches played over the week-end:

SATURDAY
Girls' Championship
Wildcats 4 Whiteoaks 4
Inter-Hong League
H.K. & Shanghai Bank received a walk-over from Ewo.
Lacas 14 H.K. Electric 13

YESTERDAY
Men's International
China (played under protest) 8 Philippines 5
Girls' International
China received walk-over from Britain.
Philippines 3 Portugal 3
Inter-Hong League
Standard Oil Co. 9 Hongkong Bank 4
Catholic Y.M.A. 12 Tigers 10
(played under protest).

Armstrong Sails For England

New York, Apr. 8.
Henry Armstrong, negro holder of the world welter and lightweight titles, sailed for England to-day with the object of defending his welterweight title in London against the British champion, Ernie Roderick, of Liverpool.

Armstrong's share of the purse is reported to be in the neighbourhood of £10,000.—Reuter.

SPORT ADVTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd April, 1939 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

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Contrasting designs in crepe de chine are featured in this afternoon frock. The corset belt is in grosgrain.

PARIS.
YOU must pardon me if I go back to evening frocks again, but these are playing what is the most dramatic part in the dress shows.

One famous dressmaker who presented her collection to-day ignored crinolines altogether—that was the first surprise. She then proceeded to introduce a Nell Gwynne line, which is new and very becoming.

THE Nell Gwynne frocks have closely-fitting bodices of silk with tiny flared basques, and are worn over very wide, full lace or chiffon skirts.

Chiffon and lace float mistily through her collection and make the most charming frocks. There was one in misty grey chiffon with a band of pink and of blue at the waistline which would make any quite ordinary girl look lovely.

THEN there are the "blouse and skirt" evening frocks in which long sleeved blouses in softest chiffon are partnered by wide, fully gathered skirts of floral crepe de chine or vividly striped plaid silk.

They are just the kind of outfit smart girls wore for afternoons in the naughty nineties.

VICTORIAN fantasies are legion. Most old-worldish of all, maybe, are the flowers arranged inside very large glass locket plaques and suspended by a chain or ribbon round the neck. They are worn as a rule with floral prints for day or evening, and the flowers in the locket match those in the print.

NOT-SO-YOUNGS, please don't get too worried about all the girly-girly short frocks, because the same famous designer I have already mentioned showed lots of longer daytime ones.

She also had the sweetest dark blue and navy tailored frocks with clever touches of white which would delight equally well the young girl, her maiden aunt and her not-so-slim mother. Long summer coats, too, were cut in the edge-to-edge style we like so much.

A NUMBER of the filmy evening gowns, by the way, though very long, were worn over slips which just covered the knees, so that the legs were revealed from the knee downwards.

AT another house crinoline frocks in muslin and organza were partnered by hooded capelets in heavy silk.

Tailored suits with whale-boned jackets were the novelty at another collection.

SHORT CUTS

To remove ink spots on the fingers, rub banana peel over them.

Parsley will keep fresh for some time, if placed, dry, in a Mason jar and covered securely.

Add three or four drops of lemon juice to cream that is to be whipped and it will thicken faster.

MEDICAL RETURNS

New Territories Figures For Last Month

Medical treatment both at Shun Chun and Namtau is recorded in the returns of cases of the St. John Ambulance New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch for March.

It will be remembered that, under Government auspices, arrangements were made for the vaccination of refugees and some first aid relief at these points from which the largest influx of Chinese came.

The returns show that 9,572 vaccinations were done in the New Territories last month, 101 at Shun Chun and 826 at Namtau being additional.

In the New Territories there were 4,176 new cases making a total of 10,352 patients with old cases. Twenty-seven patients were admitted from Kam Tin to hospital, while 72 were admitted from the Haw Par Hospital at Cheung Chau. It is to be remarked that there were 123 malaria cases at Tsun Wan and 32 at Kam Tin.

tion over the face for ten minutes, then rinse away with cold water. If the skin feels irritated afterward, apply a very thin film of night cream and finish with more cold water. In addition, there should be a weekly facial consisting of a thorough cleansing and treatment with herb packs or beauty clay to hasten the results of the corrective measures that you are taking for the oily condition.

Experiment with your skin and see how it responds. You know more about its peculiarities than anyone else. One thing, however, you should give treatment time to show you definitely whether or not they are proper ones for your skin.



Blouse and skirt evening frock. The blouse is of white chiffon and the skirt of multi-coloured floral crepe.

Do Your Rooms Seem Small?

DO the four walls of your drawing-room seem much too close to each other? The ceiling as if weighing down upon your head? Some rooms are so small that to get an illusion of spaciousness taxes the ingenuity of the cleverest housewife.

Simplicity is really the keynote to capturing the desired effect. Furniture must be built on as low lines as possible. Even granted these things, many women are still unable to get rid of that feeling of having little breathing-space, simply because they forget the smaller details and take little care with the arrangement of the room. Few realise, for example, how artfully placed mirrors can completely transform a room.

A Simple Mirror Arrangement

The simplest arrangement is to hang two mirrors at the same height, find the best positions for them in on opposite walls. The reflection across and across thus obtained creates an illusion of added length.

Margaret Brooke



Ready for Spring is this girl, who provides slacks and skirt outfit of sturdy Sanforised-shrunk denim.

Strong Soap Best To Clean An Oily Skin

THOROUGH cleanliness is essential if you want a healthy, attractive skin. At the beginning of treatment, the method used will depend to some extent on the present state of your skin. The cleansing process is essentially the same, but there are minor differences. Every skin needs the solvent action of a good cleansing cream and every skin needs the thorough flushing action of good soap and soft, tepid water. Nothing can replace the latter, but the kind of soap used depends on the oiliness or dryness of the skin.

For an excessively oily skin, or one that is much blemished, a strong soap is needed. Since an oily skin usually results from clogged pores, the cleansing process should free the pores of impurities. The circulation should be stimulated and then the skin treated with a strong astringent.

Apply Cream First

Apply a layer of cleansing cream first and allow it to remain on until the oils have melted and penetrated

the pores, then wipe off the oil with soft tissues or an old linen towel. Use a rough wash cloth or a circular brush for cleansing. Dip the cloth in very hot water and hold it over the face for a minute to open the pores, then rub a lather of green soap well into the skin, scrubbing until the face is quite red.

Rinse away the soap in warm water, then gradually decrease the temperature until it is quite cold. Finish with ice water, or a piece of ice rubbed quickly over the skin to close the pores. It is a good idea to wrap a lump of ice in a piece of old silk or a square of cheesecloth to prevent rough edges cutting or scratching the skin.

Epsom Salts Help

If the skin does not respond to the simple treatment outlined above (followed twice a day), then follow the slightly cleansing with an application of Epsom salts dissolved in distilled water. The proper proportions are one pound of Epsom salts dissolved to one quart of water. The salts will dry up the excess oil and act as an astringent on the skin. Put the solu-

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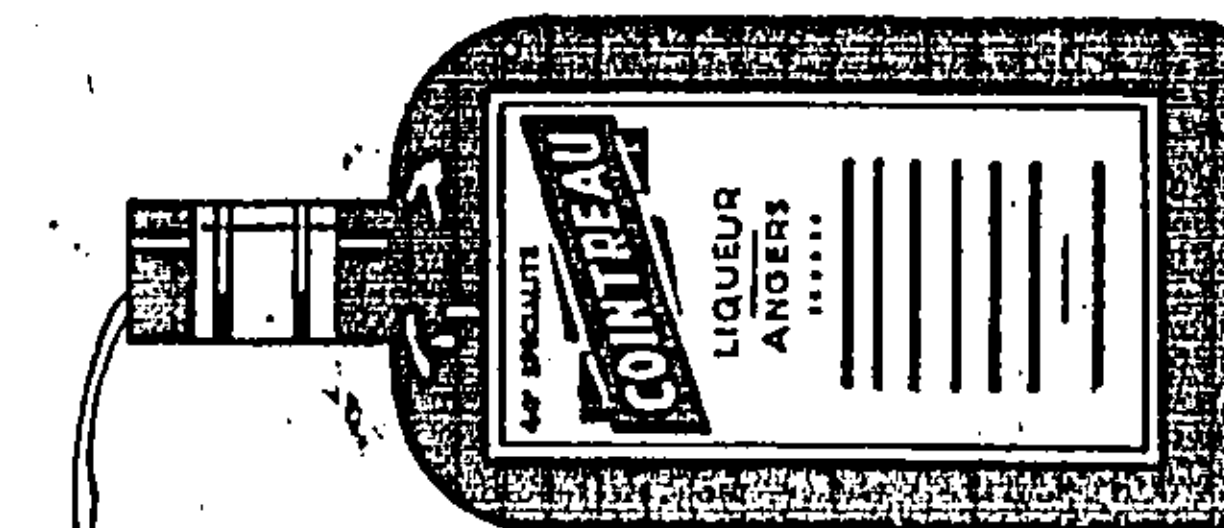
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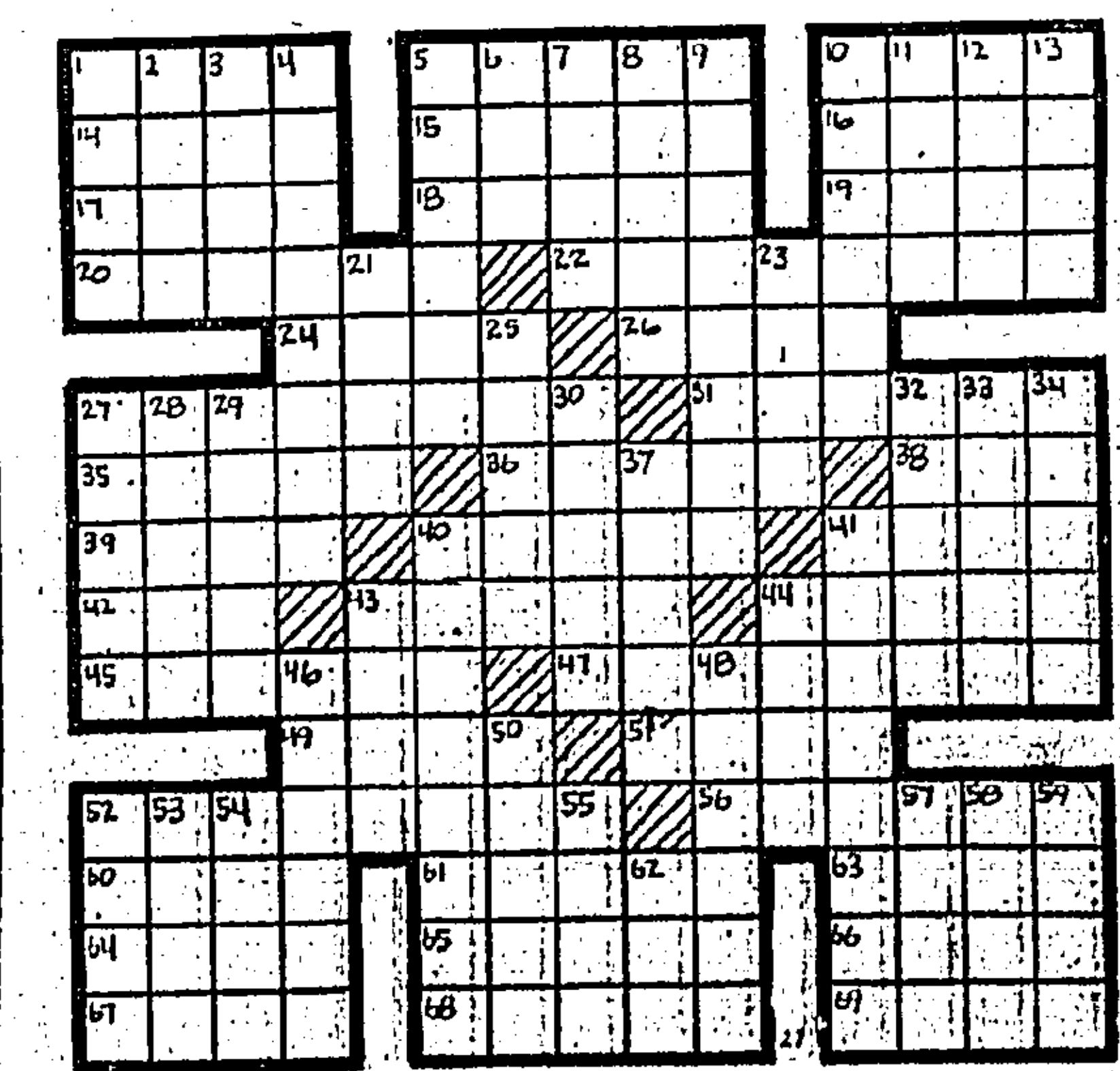
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ACROSS

- 1—Circular plate
- 2—Leather fastening
- 3—Mr. Antony
- 4—Thought
- 5—Wing-like
- 6—Contra brand
- 7—Edacious vegetable
- 8—Transaction
- 9—Rustic small coin
- 10—East Indian cereal
- 11—Requirement
- 12—Vegetable
- 13—One who particulates
- 14—Semi-precious stone
- 15—Day party
- 16—Street church image
- 17—Neuter personal pronoun
- 18—Is indebted to
- 19—Dine like King Croby
- 20—Put on
- 21—Gloss
- 22—Loose skull cap
- 23—Drunkard
- 24—Blunderer
- 25—Western Indians
- 26—Reasoning
- 27—Squint
- 28—Bogus
- 29—Sled covering
- 30—Burmese caravan
- 31—Triangular piece of cloth

DOWN

- 1—Deer
- 2—Combining form
- 3—Soak through slowly
- 4—Rhythmic dress
- 5—Pied life
- 6—Number
- 7—Precipitation
- 8—Casting
- 9—Pivoted device
- 10—Ditt name
- 11—Man's name
- 12—Noise in chest
- 13—Indian Day Indian
- 14—Line roof of
- 15—Pampl
- 16—Varieties of
- 17—Dwarf
- 18—Court seal
- 19—Lousening
- 20—Disturbance
- 21—Orphan philosopher (1880)
- 22—Come in
- 23—Barricade
- 24—Australian cuckoo
- 25—Musical gourdhue
- 26—Surrealistic figure
- 27—Pier
- 28—Divide
- 29—Thin error
- 30—Boring holes
- 31—Frier
- 32—Former times
- 33—Vicinity
- 34—Cash drawer
- 35—Looked (read)
- 36—Lago
- 37—Large plant
- 38—Transmit
- 39—Devoured



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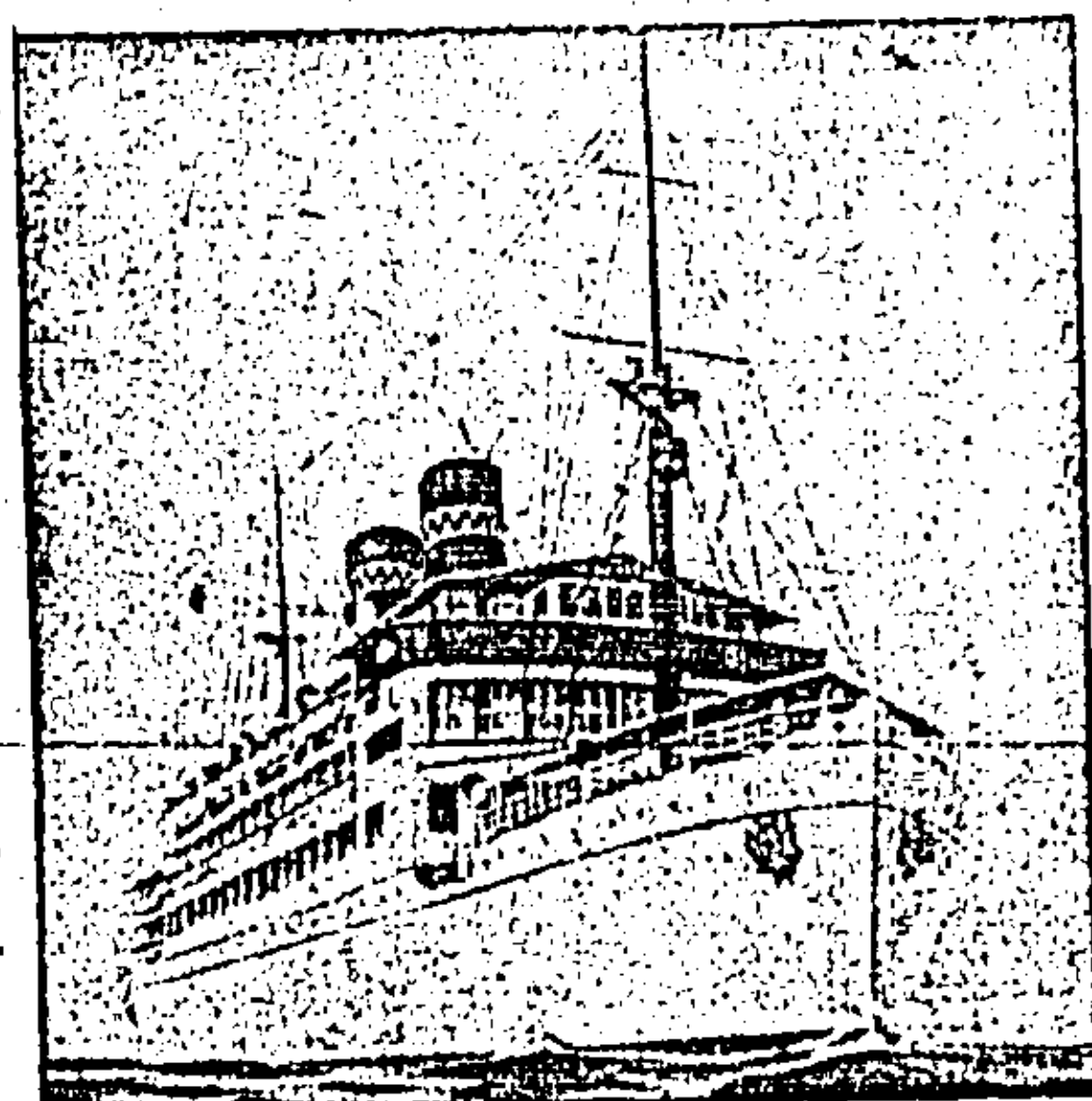
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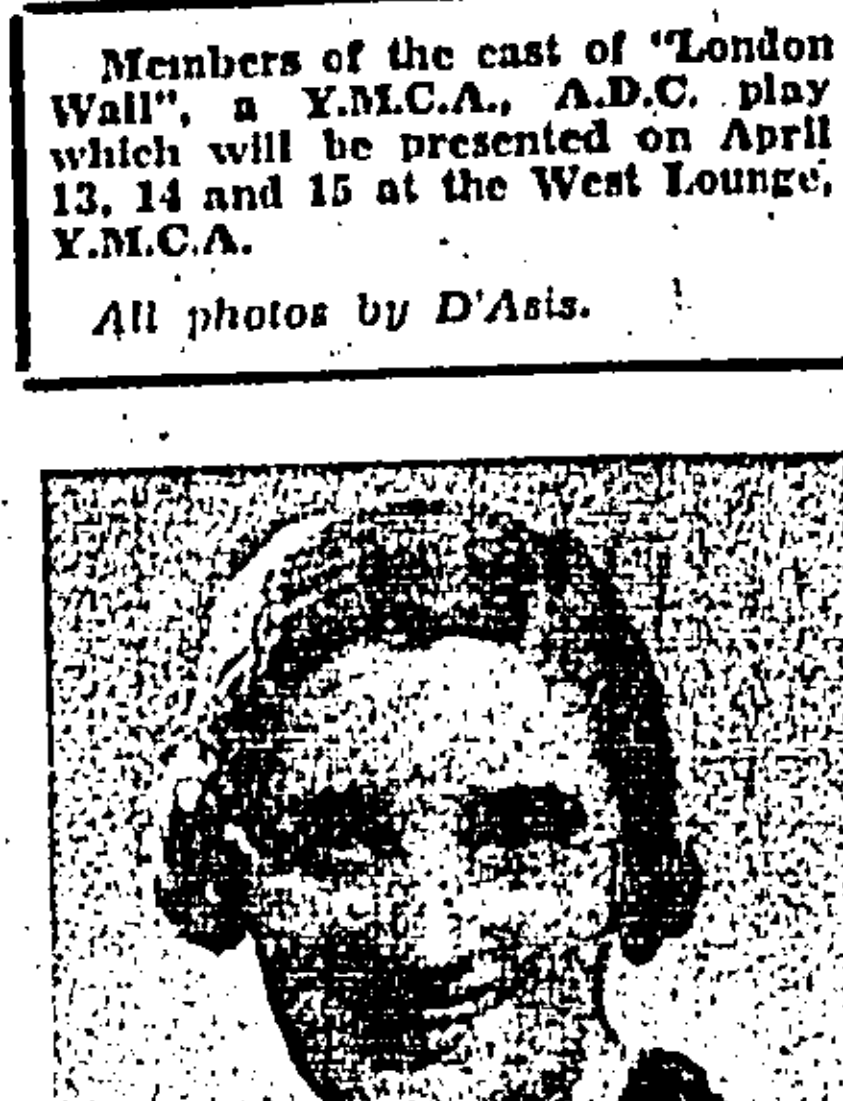
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WAH YEE COLLEGE

Moral Training Regarded As Part of Curriculum

The annual prize distribution of the Wah Yee College, Kennedy Road, was held in the Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, yesterday, and was attended by a large gathering of parents and their friends.

After the distribution of the prizes by the Rev. Fr. D. Donnelly, S.J., a concert was given by the pupils. In his report the Headmaster, Mr. Lim How-ping, said in part: The College now counts an enrolment of 150 but it would have been easy to have increased our numbers to 300, had our premises been large enough, and had we been able to procure larger premises at a reasonable rent to accommodate for the last school year.

The average attendance for the last school year was satisfactory, over 90 per cent., and the results of the final examination proved also gratifying. It is Wah Yee's definite aim to prepare the students, not only to be intellectually, but also physically and morally good citizens. In order to give the boys a thorough moral training, we have introduced into the school the "Week Movement". Every week some particular virtue is singled out to be practised guiding the students on the road to perfection.

In sports we have tried our best to induce the boys to take part in games. Ping-pong, like last year, is a popular game in the College. Football and baseball have aroused the interest of many boys. This year the championships of these games have been won by Class 4 after a hard tussle. In a bicycle race to Shatin about sixty boys took part. The Students' Association has done magnificent work. Under the able management of the able committee members, the boys have raised the sum of almost \$300 for social, charitable and war relief purposes since our last Prize Day.

The striking feature. Among the boys of Wah Yee is that they are very keen in extra-curricular activities, they have published the school magazine, "Wah Yee Students", they have sent six entries to the Chinese Essay Writing Competition, gaining

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second place in the Colony; they have made 183 winter coats for the soldiers at the front; they have run a bazaar recently to raise funds for China, and have raised nearly \$100. The Rev. Fr. D. Donnelly said he doubted if there was any school which could point with pride to such a record of service as Wah Yee. The Students' Association was a very active body, having had a bazaar for war relief purposes. In the front and the pupils contributing a cent a day for wounded soldiers and refugees. Above all, said Fr. Donnelly, the boys of Wah Yee had given inspiration to noble living and to high ideals, and these things were out of the ordinary, and marked the College as being far from an ordinary school.

Japanese Cabinet

Three New Ministers Appointed

Tokyo, Apr. 9. "The tiger let loose from his cage" has now assumed a Cabinet portfolio, the Nichinichi Shinbun remarks in commenting on the appointment of General Kuniaki Koiso as Minister for Overseas Affairs. The Journal observes that during the General's command of the Korean Army, he was dubbed "The Korean Tiger".

Declaring that the General is credited with a famous plan for Continental development, the Journal remarks that at the initial stage of the China Incident General Koiso resolutely advocated the immediate opening of the South China campaign and the occupation of Hainan.

Administrative Reform

The Government is planning a sweeping reform of the administrative machinery for commerce and industry in conformity with the war-time finance and economy. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry will consist of the Secretariat attached to the Minister of Commerce and Industry, seven bureaus proper, and four independent bureaus—Domest.

Bride's Excuse Falls Flat

San Francisco. A young bride, arrested for zooming past a policeman at 45 miles an hour, glanced furtively at the judge and told him it was all because she was so worried about getting home in time to prepare a good dinner for her new husband. She was told that it was an "old one," but got off with a suspended sentence.

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MR. DEPYS IN HONGKONG

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Mr. D'Arcy and his Lady whom I do much esteem and am sorry at their going. Much pleasant talk there as I do know high all the Company.

4th.—At the Clubbe I fall into talk with Mr. Povy and Creed and we are agreed England's firm stand and the assurance to Poland may do much for peace. But Lord! it is a sorry case when no man may rely on any pact, but I trust that it is clear that we do mean business.

5th.—To dine and dance at the Hostelry and a mighty pleasant evening, but when I am come home I find that my shee child has locked the door upon me, not knowing I was from home, and so my latch-key was of no avail.

6th.—To the King's great Shippe Medway upon some business and there did eat my nunchion with Mr. Mouse. Hence to the office where I am mighty busy until dinner. And so to bed.

Rare Stamps Stolen

Wellington, (N. Z.). Rare postage stamps worth many hundreds of pounds were stolen from the Dominion Museum here in a daring robbery.

Three of 12 cases were broken open and 130 stamps taken, including an entire series of ordinary stamps from the full-faced Queen types to those of 1935. They included some full-face Queens—six originals and three reprints—all of them much sought after by collectors.

Cords on the balcony windows of the Museum were found severed, as though to permit the escape of the thief or to pass the collection to an accomplice outside.

Hollywood marriages, his is free from any whisper of divorce. Mrs. Hall described Mack Sennett as a very nice person, adding, "You wouldn't know he had a dime."

"What has he got?" she was asked. "Well, I think more than a dime," she said, and would probably have gone into the problem mathematically if she had not been off duty.

The Foster girls have already seen Japan. They will take in Hongkong on their way home and make an inland jaunt to Peking. When they set foot again on American soil they will be with the Oriental department of their professional omniscience much better provisioned.

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LATE NEWS

Zog Speaks Out

Scutari, Yugo-Slavia, Apr. 9. Shortly before leaving for Florina, King Zog, through a minister of his Court, told the United Press: "War continues in Albania, with our soldiers still holding some important towns. The Albanians are being attacked and are still fighting. They can only attempt to hold their own."

The Royal Family have no plans beyond Salonika.

"There are in Europe two madmen who are disturbing the entire world—Hitler and Mussolini."

"There are in Europe two 'damned' fools who sleep—Chamberlain and Daladier."

"If the British ships at Corfu had fired only one shot, none of us would have had to flee."—United Press.

Anglo-French Concentration

Athens, Apr. 9. It is reported here that three British warships have arrived 35 miles north of Corfu.

There are rumours of strong French and British squadrons arriving in Greek waters and Corfu Harbour.

In Athens, it is officially denied that the Albanian royals have arrived in Thessaly from Salonika. They are staying in the Hotel Panellion awaiting an improvement in the weather and in Queen Geraldine's condition.—United Press.

April 20 Seen As Danger-Date

Bucharest, Apr. 9. There is speculation in many circles here regarding the possibility of a swift move by Germany and Italy, following the invasion of Albania.

It is even suggested in quarters friendly to the Axis Powers that on Herr Hitler's birthday on April 20, Germany is putting forward a plan for bringing the whole of the Balkan peninsula into a "federal economic system."

In official circles in Sofia, it is stated that Bulgaria intends to continue to co-operate with other Balkan countries, and help in efforts to preserve peace.

It is added that she will support the slogan "Balkan for the Balkans."

A disturbing aspect of the situation in Macedonia circles with Italian connections, that Italy's next step will be the formation of an autonomous Macedonia, under her protection, for the minorities in Yugo-Slavia, Greece, and Bulgaria.—Reuter.

Britain To Warn Mussolini?

Paris, Apr. 9. Reliable quarters report that the Franco-British consultations have formed a concrete proposal to guarantee Greek integrity of the island of Corfu and to prevent an Italian attack through British occupation.

It is reported that a defence agreement has been made with Turkey.

It has been learned here that Sir Eric Phipps, British Ambassador to France, has informed the French Premier, Foreign Office and War Office that the British Ambassador to Rome will warn the Italian Foreign Minister in Rome to-morrow that Italy must not attempt a coup de force against Greece.—United Press.

France Not Satisfied

Paris, Apr. 9. It is stated in authoritative circles that France is not satisfied with the Italian explanations for the occupation of Albania, and it is felt that any attempt on Greece or Corfu would cause a very grave international situation.

It is stated that there is full accord between France and Britain. M. Bonnet was in constant communication yesterday with the French Ambassadors to London and Washington. M. Daladier discussed the situation with Sir Eric Phipps the British Ambassador to France and with M. Bonnet.

It is officially learned that the French Cabinet will meet on Tuesday afternoon.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Returns

Warm Springs, Apr. 9. President Roosevelt took a special train for Washington to-day.

It is understood that he is frankly concerned over the immediate threats of a world conflict.

The President is scheduled to confer with the Secretary of State on Monday.

"I will return in the autumn, if we don't have war," said the President to a group of friends on the departure platform.—United Press.

Lightning Attack Feared

London, Apr. 9. British politicians and the military high command to-day held an urgent conference on the grave European situation.

Some quarters here believe there is a possibility of a lightning attack by Germany without a formal declaration of war.

Mr. Chamberlain has arrived from Scotland and spent Sunday studying the ominous reports from the Balkans and Germany.

He has been in almost continuous conference with his Defence Ministers.

A special Cabinet meeting will be called on Monday to discuss Italy's Albanian coup and a possible British pledge to assist in the defence of Greece.

The British Foreign Secretary has been in conference three times to-day with the Italian Charge D'Affaires, Signor Crolla.

He asked Signor Crolla about the disquieting rumours received from the Continent and expressed British disapproval of the Italian occupation of Albania.

It is understood that he has been assured that Italy does not intend to use Albania as a base for attack on other powers.

Lord Halifax also received the Greek Minister.

The Sunday Dispatch asserts that Lord Halifax possesses a report "which supports the theory that the seizure of Albania only being done by the Axis powers, designed to cover an attack planned against Holland."—United Press.

Balkan Fears

SOFIA, Apr. 9. Balkan diplomatic circles express fears that Italy may pursue her advantages in Albania with a quick drive through Macedonia to Salonika.

It is rumoured in Belgrade that Bulgaria, in response to German pressure, has agreed to line up on the side of the Axis powers. If the Italian-German military adventure extends further in the Balkans.—United Press.

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Mrs. Winterbottom is the mother of Miss Valerie Cole, Mrs. Chamberlain's niece, who is now living at No. 10, Downing-street, and will be presented at Court this year.

Miss Cole is Mrs. Winterbottom's daughter by her first marriage, when she was seventeen, to Mr. William

Honore de Vere Cole, brother of Mrs. Chamberlain.

WARD IN CHANCERY

The marriage was dissolved in 1928.

Miss Cole, whose father died in 1930, is a ward in Chancery of the Irish courts, and Mrs. Chamberlain is her guardian.

Mrs. Winterbottom, a grand-daughter of Colonel and Lady Ann Dally, married Mr. William Dixon Winterbottom in 1933.

That marriage was dissolved four years later.

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